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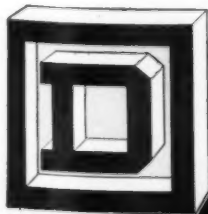
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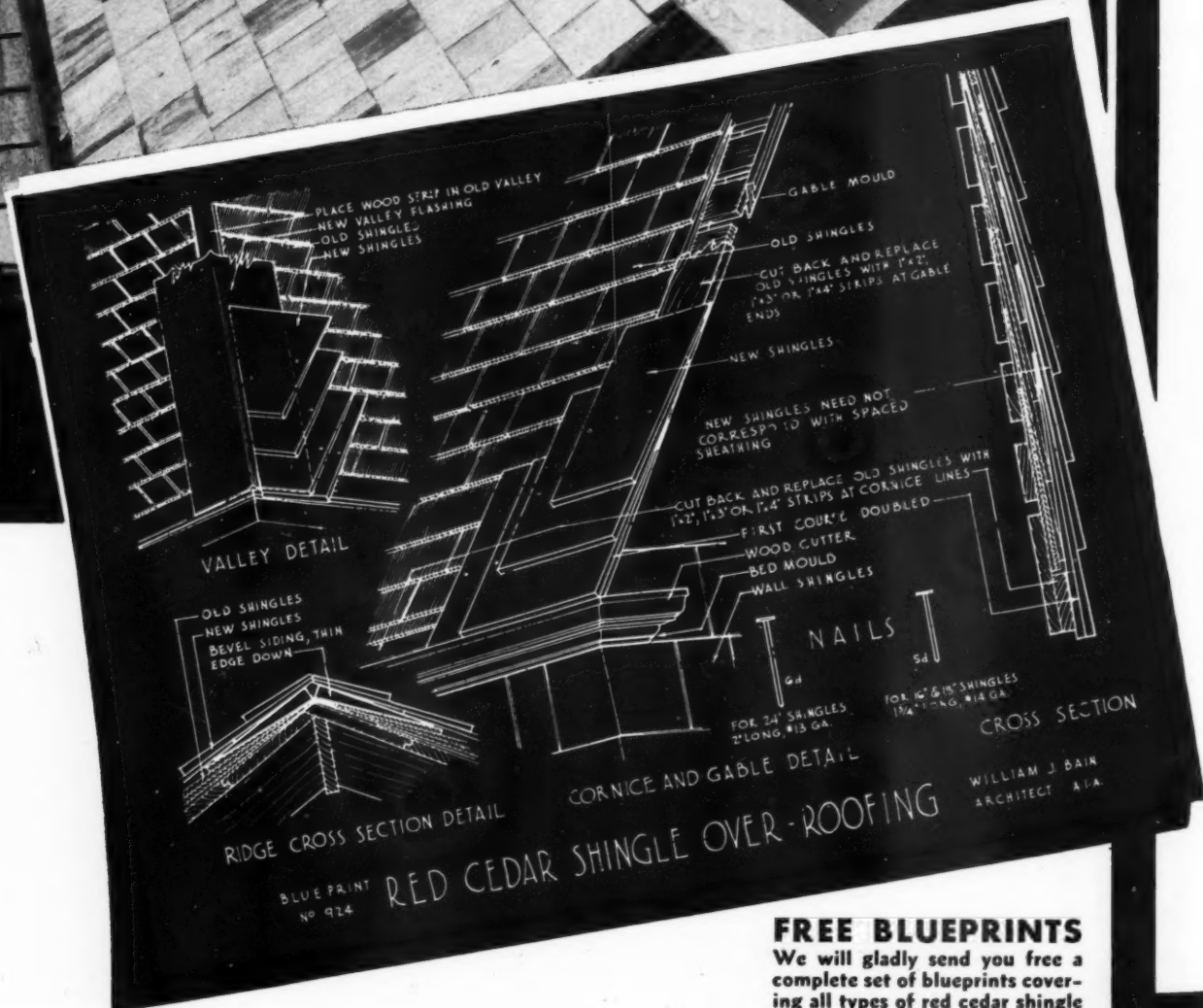
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Here is the type of Multi-breaker used in the "Miracle" homes. It provides for a range circuit and four lighting circuits.

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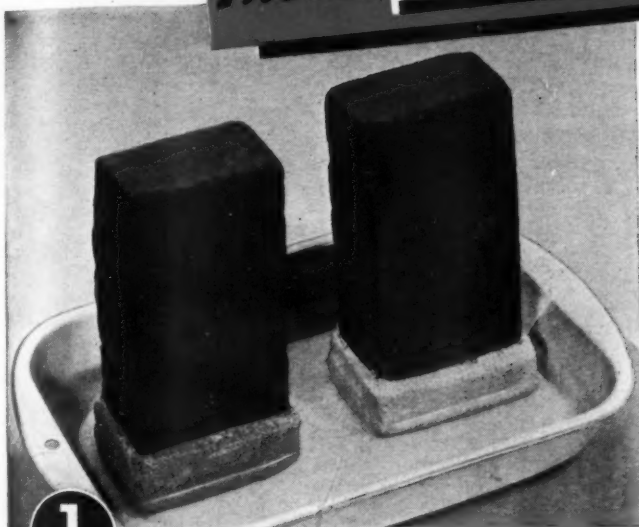
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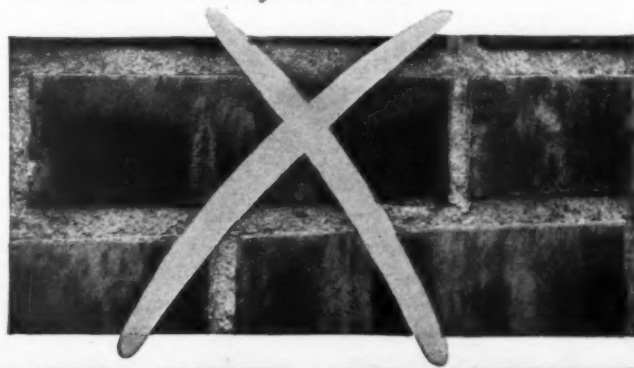
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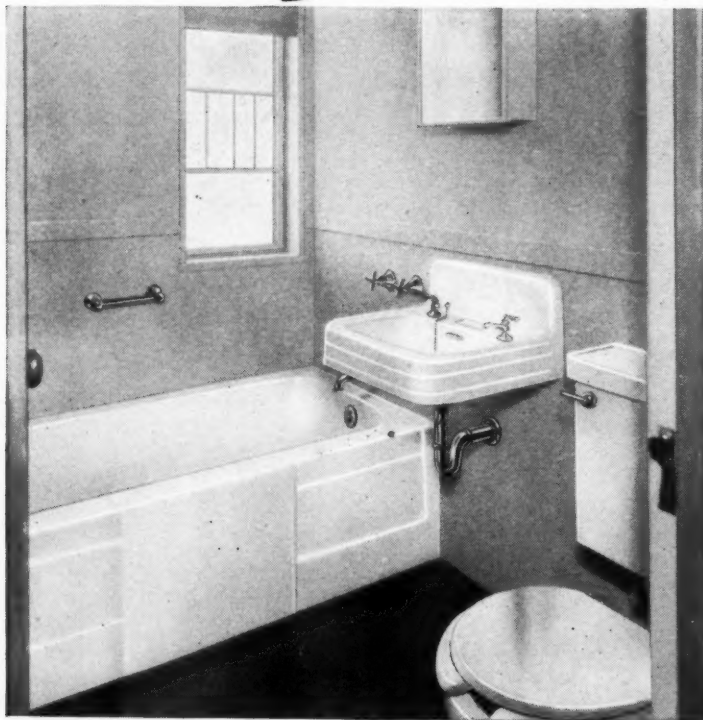
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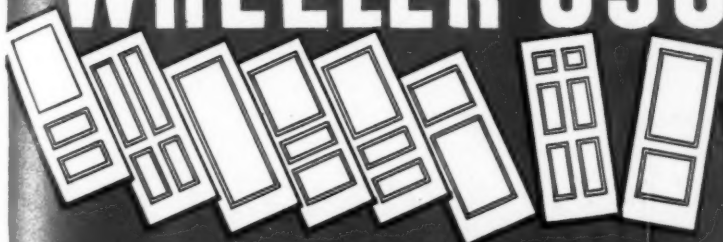
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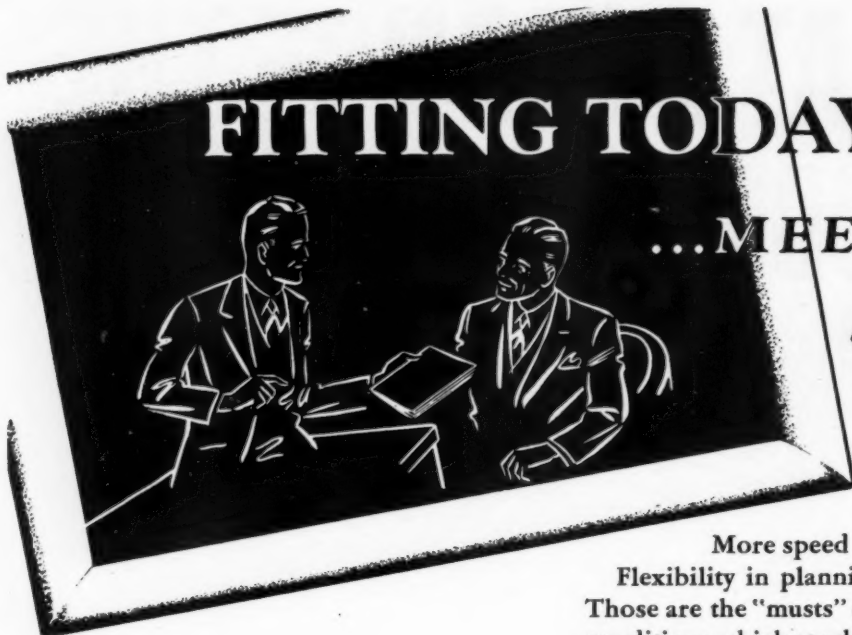
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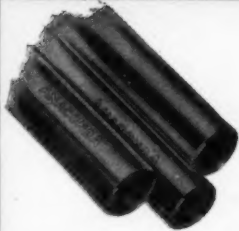
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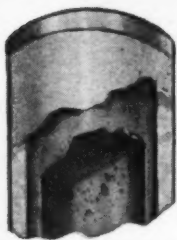
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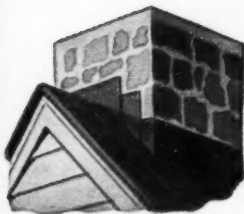


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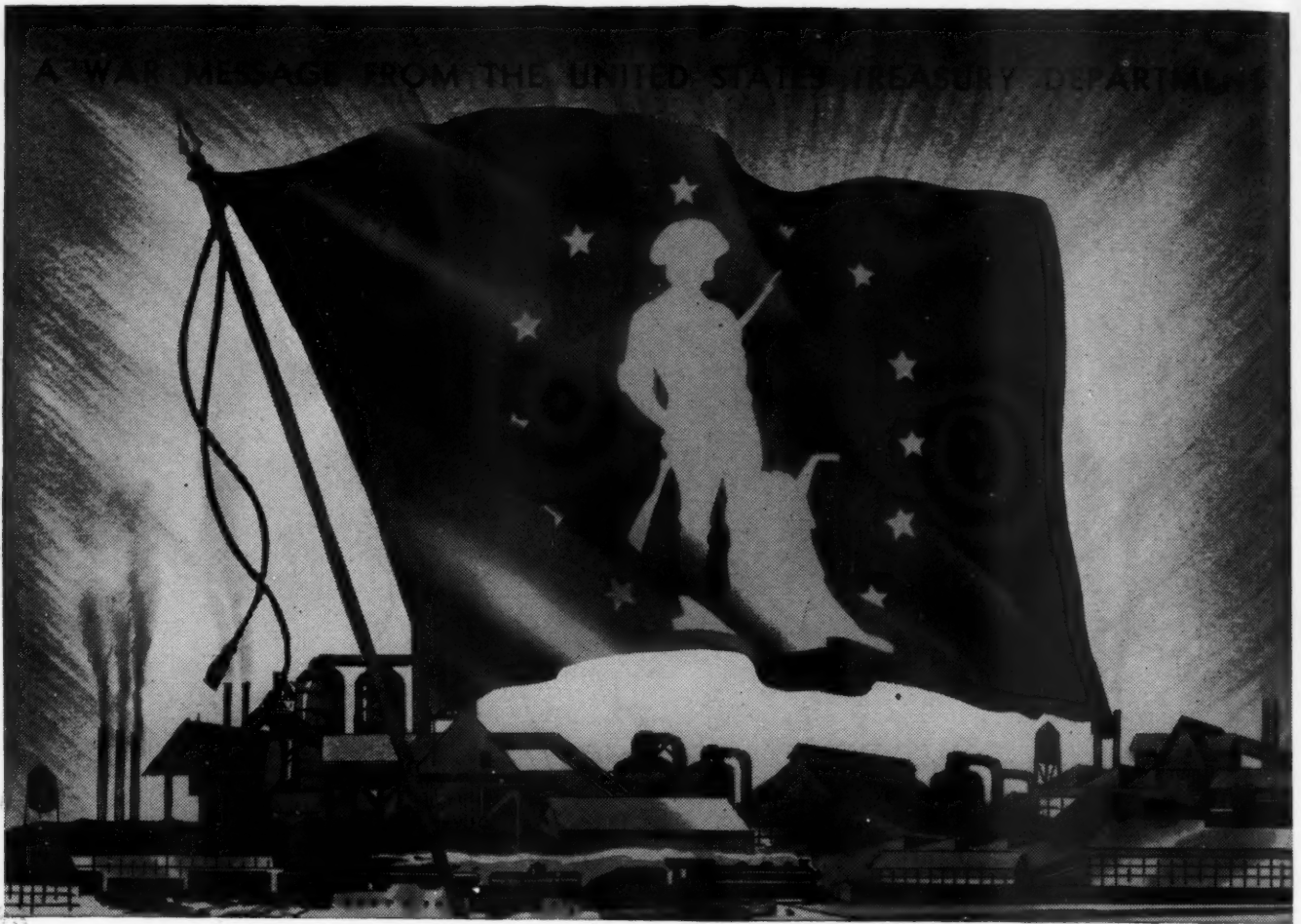
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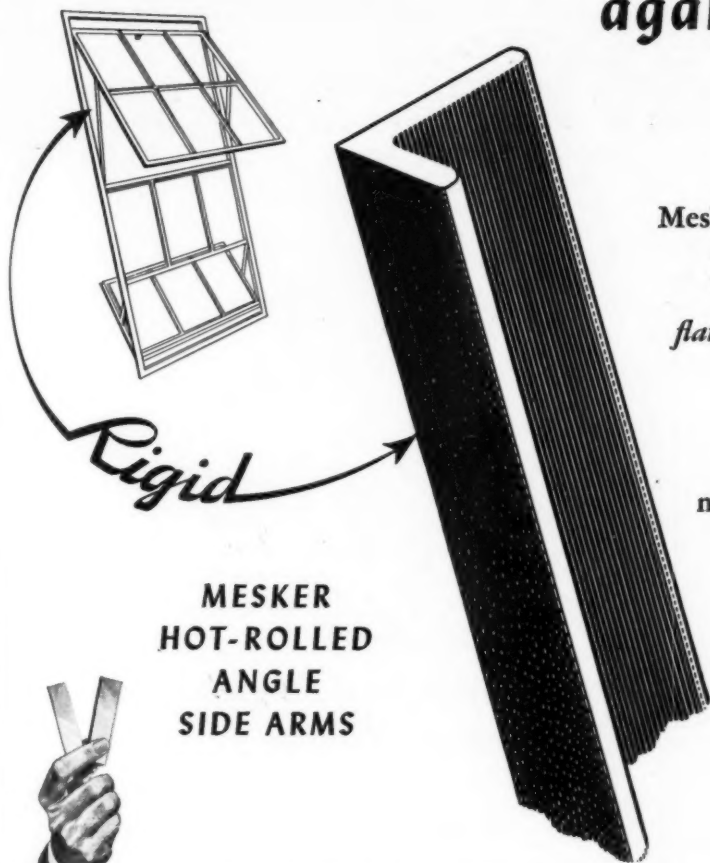
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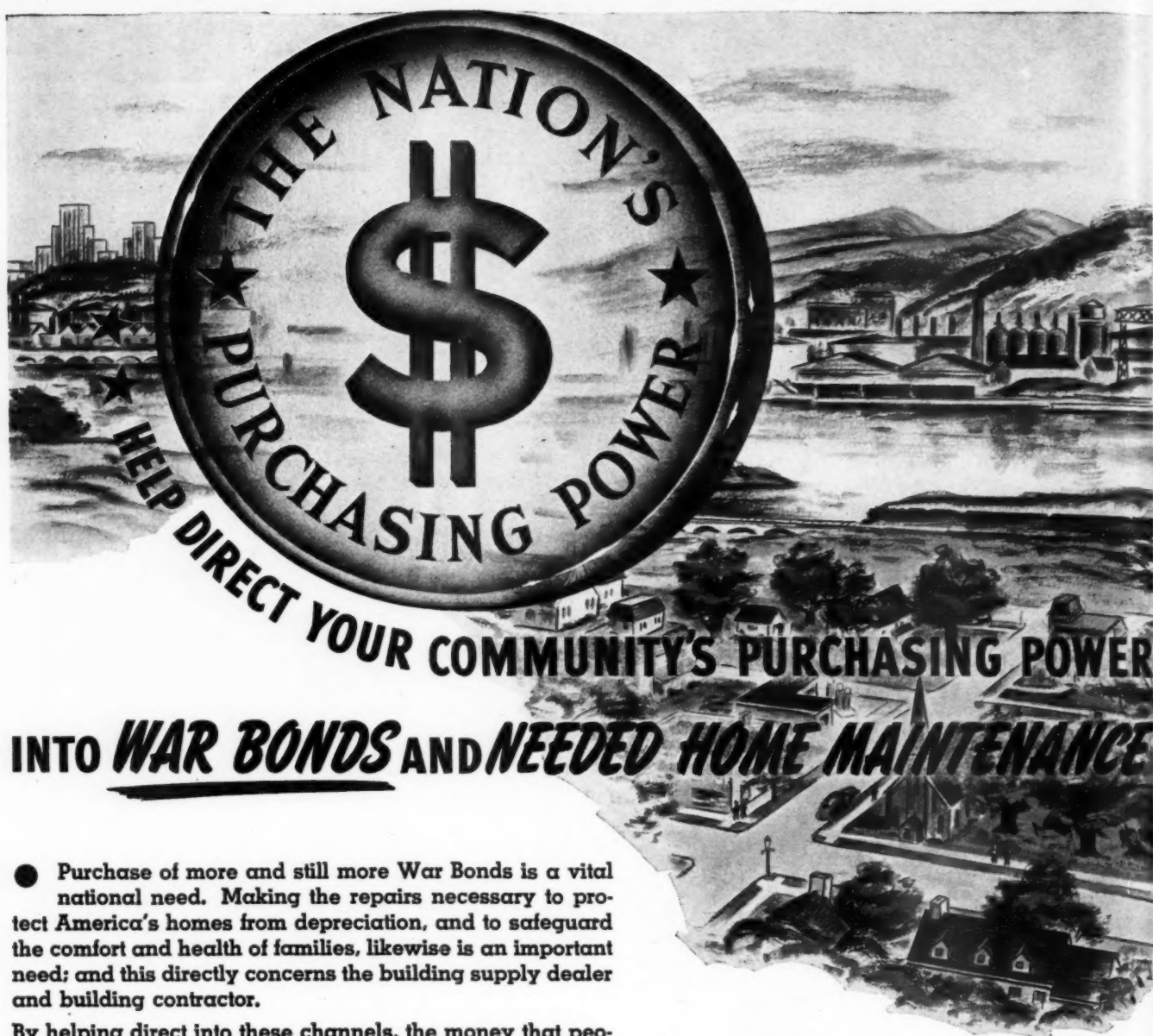
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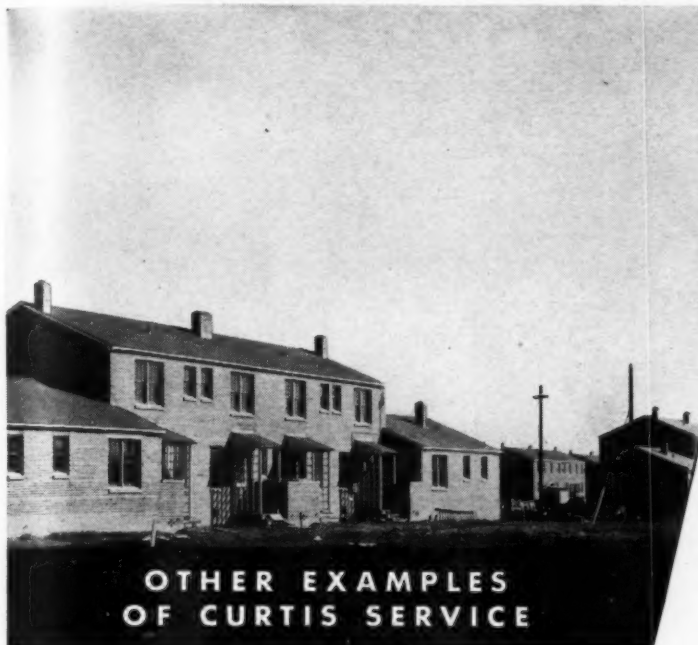
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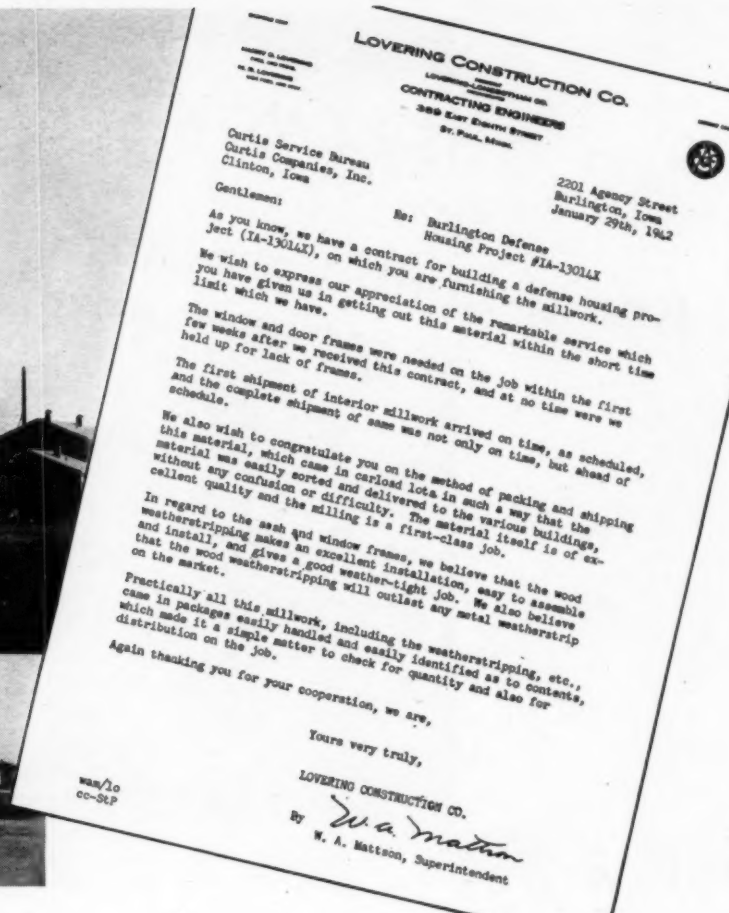


Part of group of large apartment buildings to house government workers being erected at Arlington, Virginia, by Barcroft Inc.—Thomas N. De Lasbmutt, builder. Here, again, Curtis Woodwork speeds the job—provides quality at cost well within the building budget.

OTHER CURTIS-EQUIPPED PROJECTS

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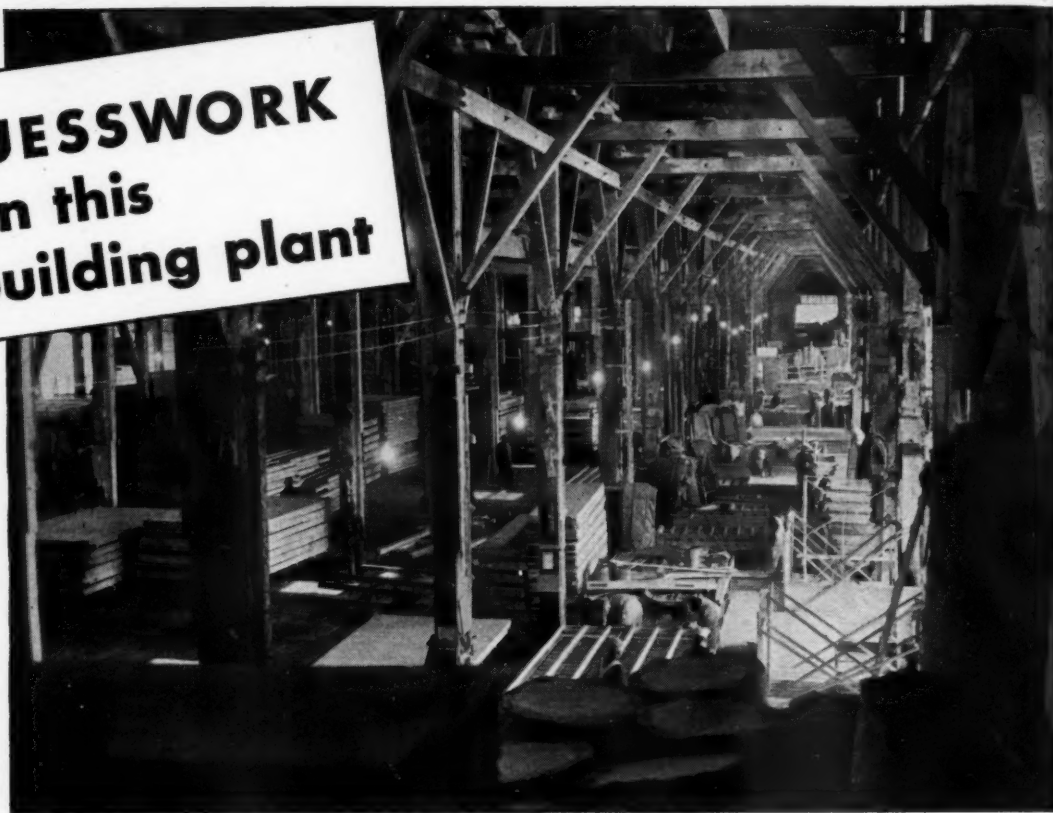


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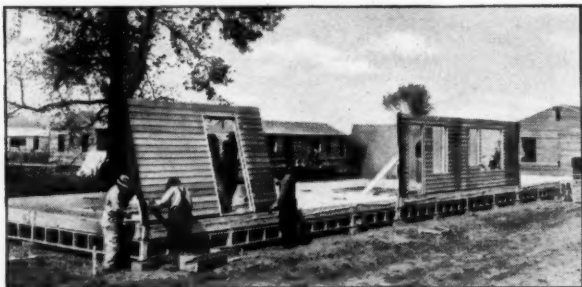
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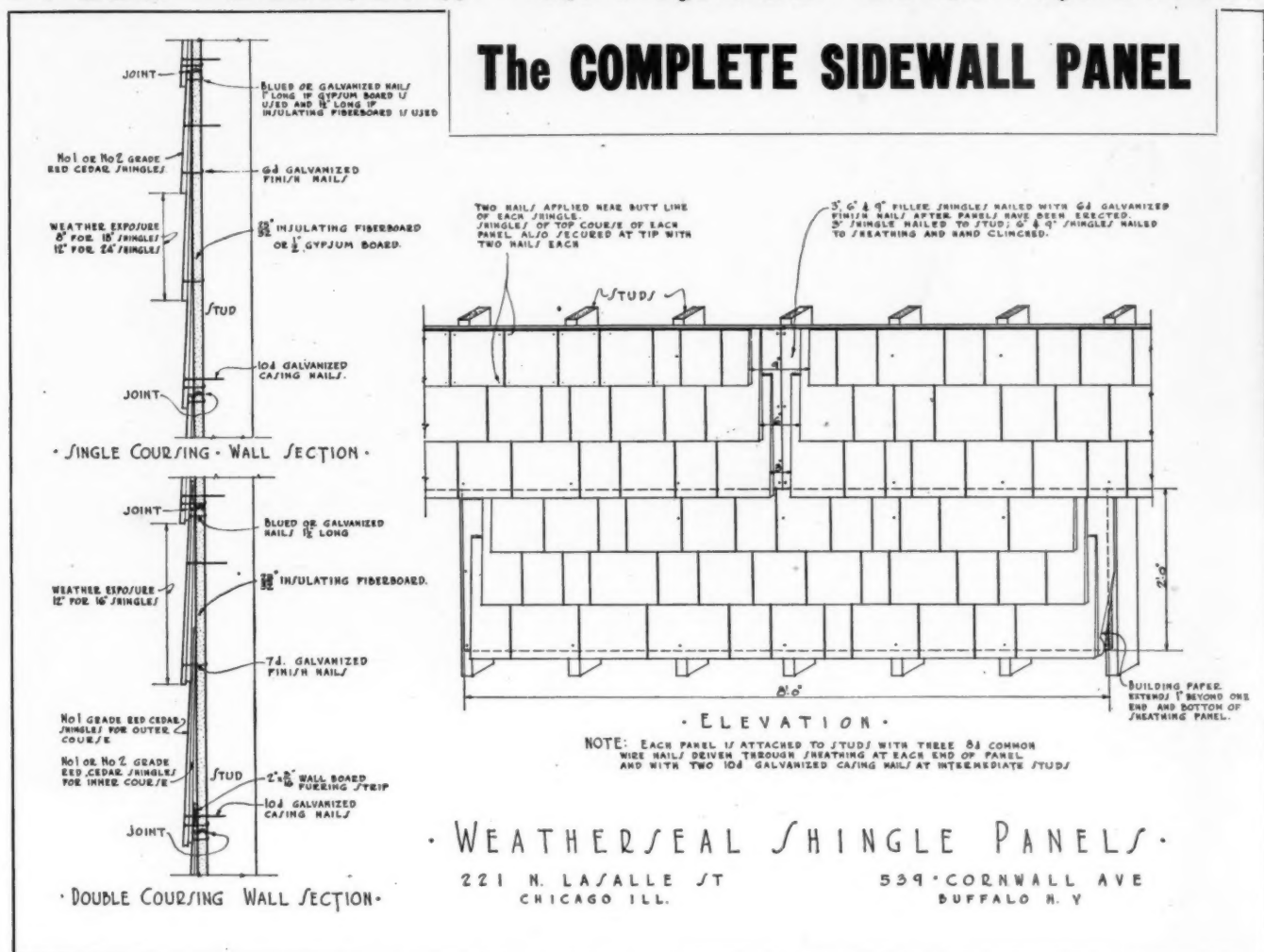
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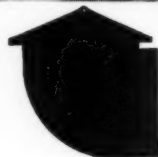
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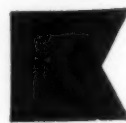
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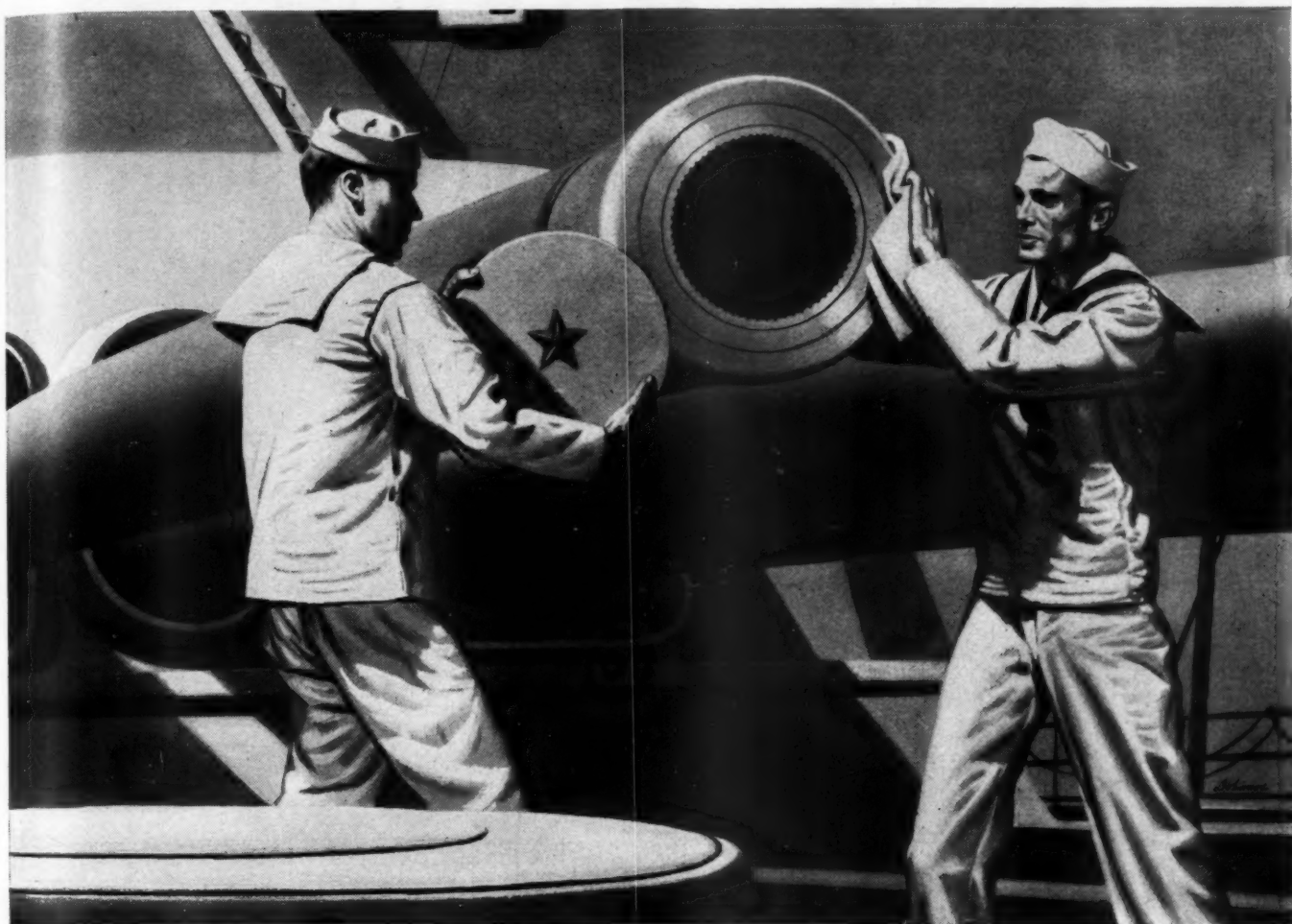
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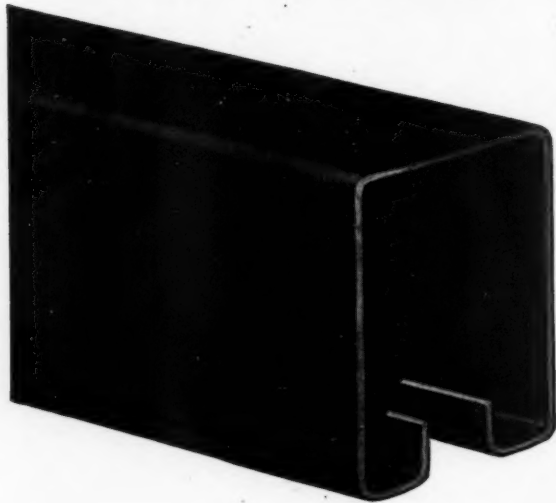
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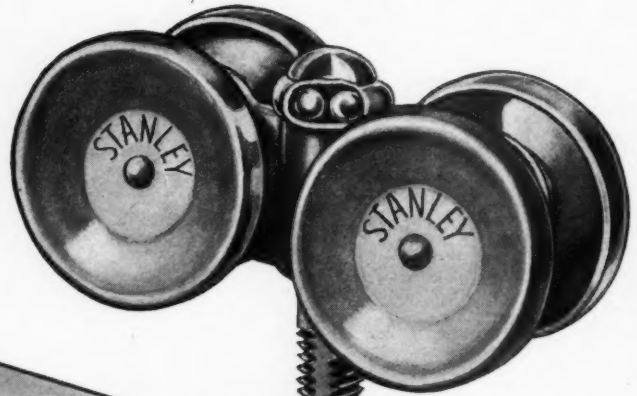
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X2641 TRACK

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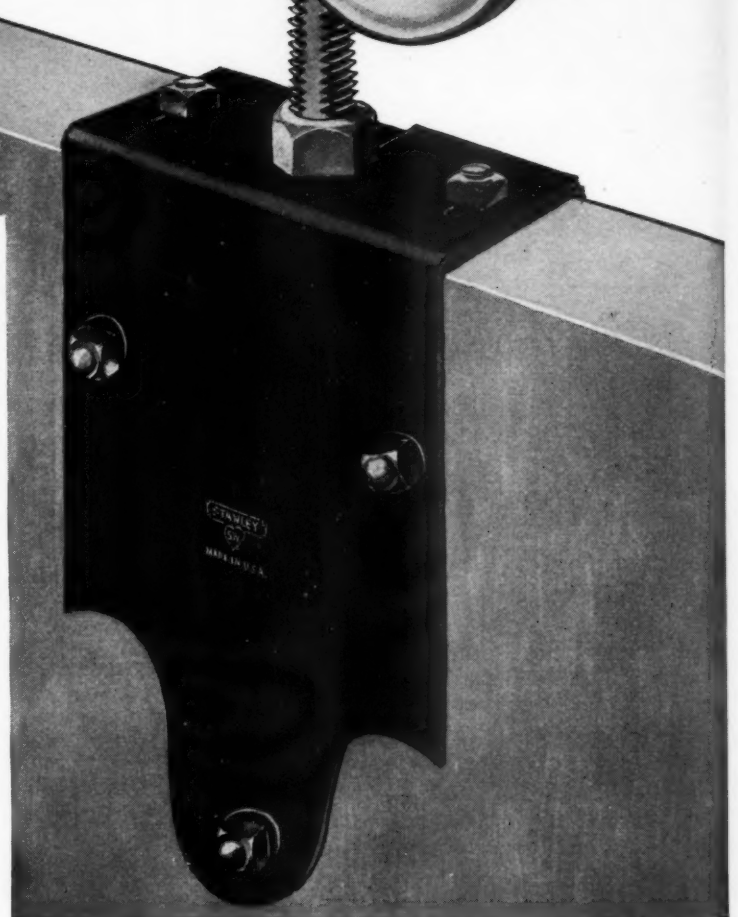
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W2650 HANGER

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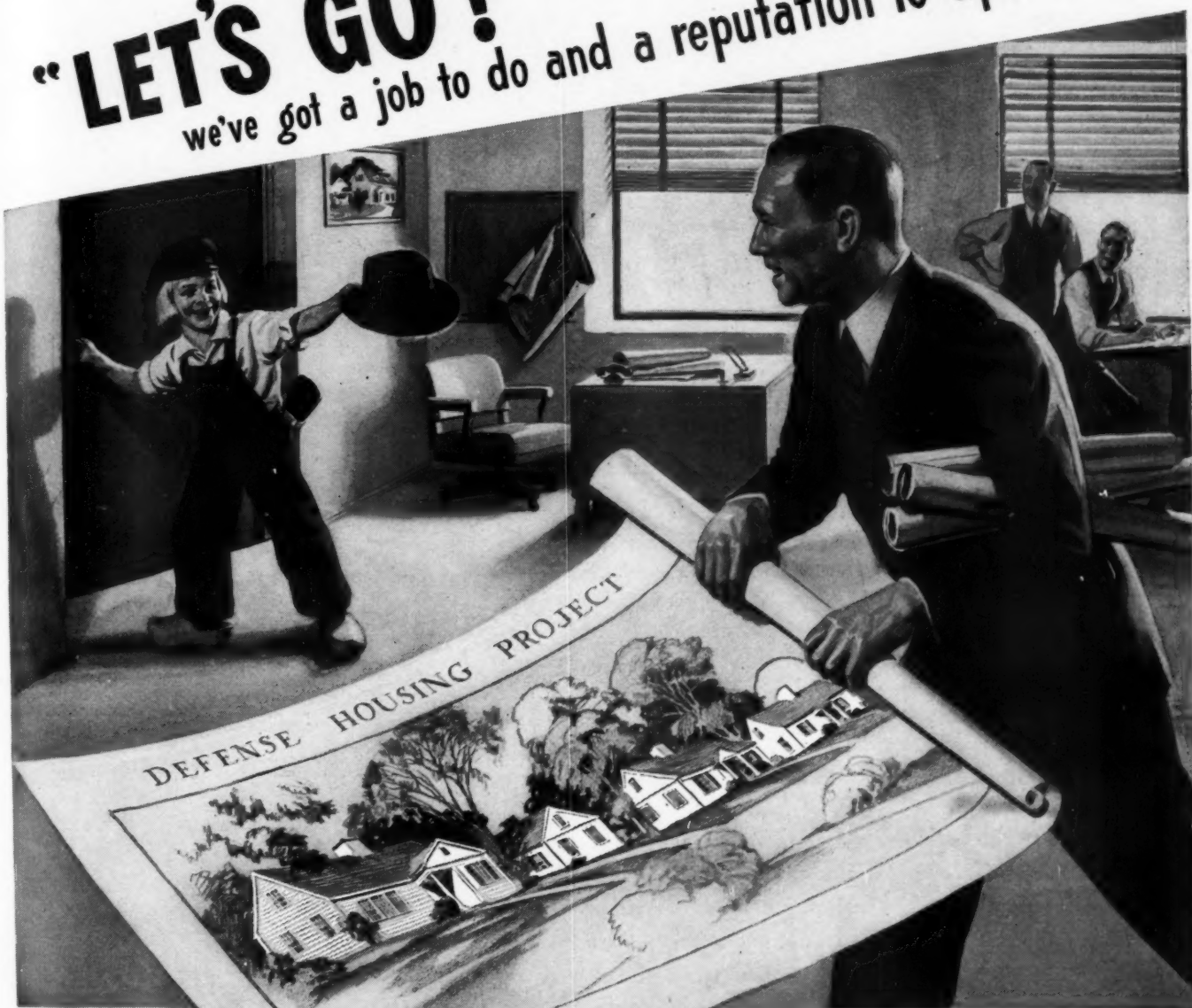


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Remember, paint made from Dutch Boy Paste Lead is definitely in the low price bracket. And it's not only low priced to begin with but its extra durability means rock-bottom cost per year of protection. Also, keep in mind that Dutch Boy is a real all-purpose paint. It can be used for either two or three-coat painting and it gives top performance on any surface—wood, brick, stucco, concrete, or plaster.

So, let's go! Any way you look at it, Dutch Boy is the paint for this Defense Housing job!

**New Dutch Boy Paint Unexcelled for Sealing
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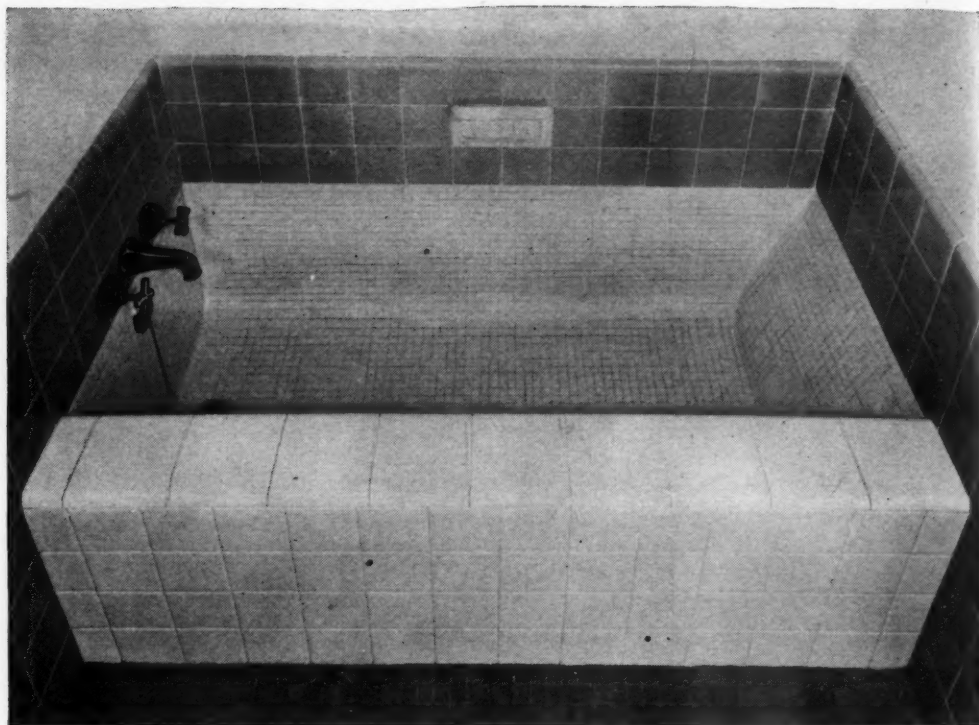
Where ready-to-use paint is desired, remember the new Dutch Boy Pure White Lead Paint provides the proven protection of white lead and, at the same time, offers sealing, hiding and whiteness unsurpassed by any two-coat combination on the market. Its two special forms—Exterior Primer and Outside White—are both pure white lead, all ready to spread. Used together they give a real Dutch Boy job—sparkling and durable—on new or old wood.

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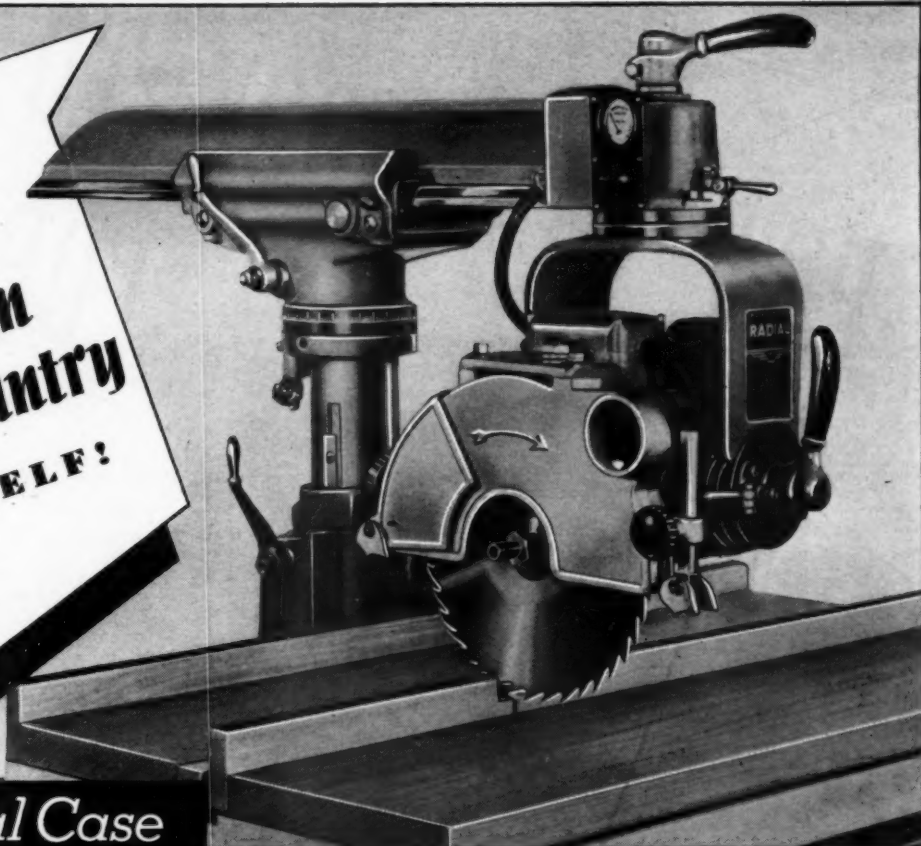
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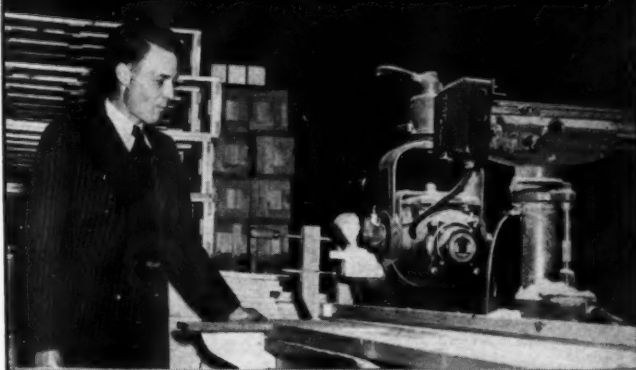


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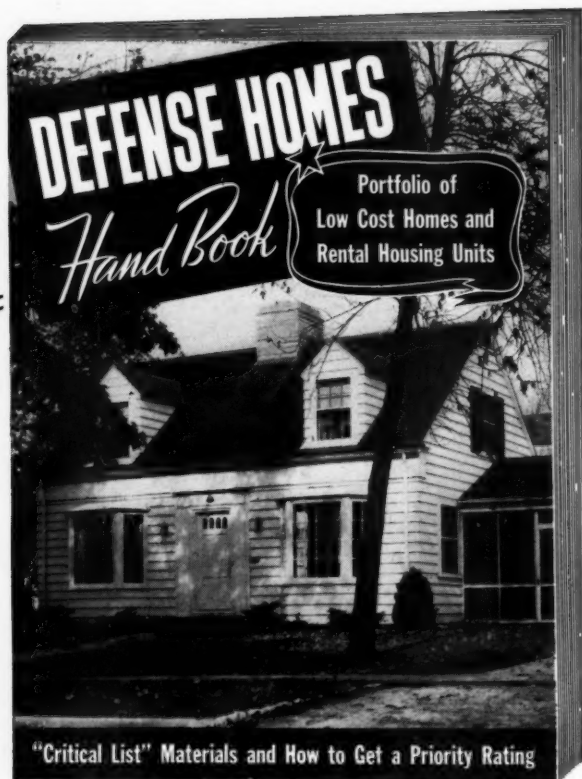


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Photos and plans of some 72 homes at New Haven built on standard 24' x 30' foundations . . . "Western Style Brought Up To Date"—Broad roof lines, homey porch and livable plan high spot this model home built at West Hartford . . . "One Story Pennsylvania Dutch Home"—This is a very attractive house of field stones and shingles which will serve you with many design ideas . . . Another which will warrant your study is the "New England Colonial 29' x 27' With Flush Board Siding" . . . "Houston Clamors to Buy Well-Built, Easily Maintained Homes"—This is the title of a Texas development which enjoyed phenomenal success in the low-price field.

"EXTENSIBLE HOUSE"

The "Extensible House" idea, which is gaining so much favor now, is presented here with the extensible feature of "upstairs to be finished later." . . . Another in this same category is the "Southern Honey-moon House Built for Future Expansion" . . . You will be interested surely in the "Modern Basementless House" at Gibson,

L. I. and "St. Petersburg Style"—Florida bungalows with Mid-Western appeal.

"ECONOMY AND VERSATILITY"

Here is an ideal combination you will want to adapt for your own building. Be sure to refer to "Chicago Builder Features Economy and Versatility" . . . A timely lesson in interior design will be learned from the "Interior of California Model Home" . . . Then there is an interesting Ranch-Type home demonstrated at San Mateo.

"SIX ROOM MODEL ATTRACTS THOUSANDS"

"Six Room Model Attracts Thousands" shows how four "pet peeves" were eliminated in an outstanding Dearborn, Michigan demonstration . . . You will certainly be stopped by the features of a beautiful Park Ridge, Ill. home in "Planning Low-Cost Livability" . . . "Pace Setter in Jacksonville" illustrates how high quality can be achieved at low cost by building 10 to 25 at a time . . . "Quality Wins at Summit, N. J." is a candid account of land planning,

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"REAL PAYING INVESTMENT"

See how a Montgomery, Ala. builder developed a real paying investment in a "16-Unit Apartment on Old Residential Site" . . . "How a Baltimore Builder Erects Row Houses" . . . "Bungalow Court Type of 9-Units at Portland, Oregon" . . . "Cottage Apartment to Rent"—A Hastings, N. Y. project of eight units.

"GARAGES INTO DWELLING"

There is great ingenuity in the means this builder used to "Modernize Garages Into Rent-Paying Modern Dwelling" . . . Note the "Combination of Apartment Building and Store" which resulted in an attractive income property. This is suggestive of many practical applications . . . "Salvaged for Defense" shows how a rehabilitation job on 40 run-down houses in Alabama provides industrial workers with convenient housing units.

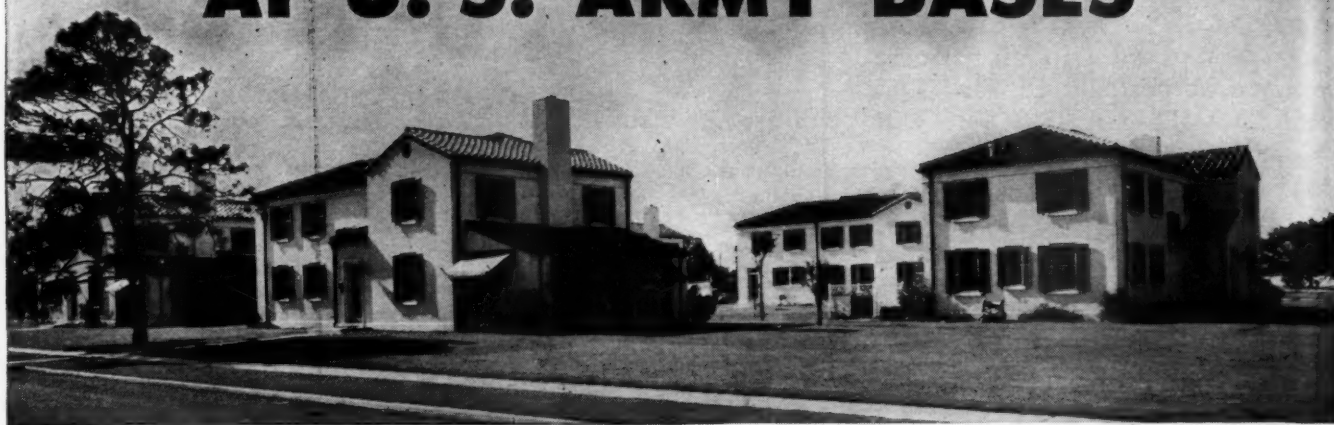
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Durable buildings of concrete block or cinder block or clay tile, finished with white portland cement stucco or white cement paint, provide good construction and save materials and transportation essential for war.

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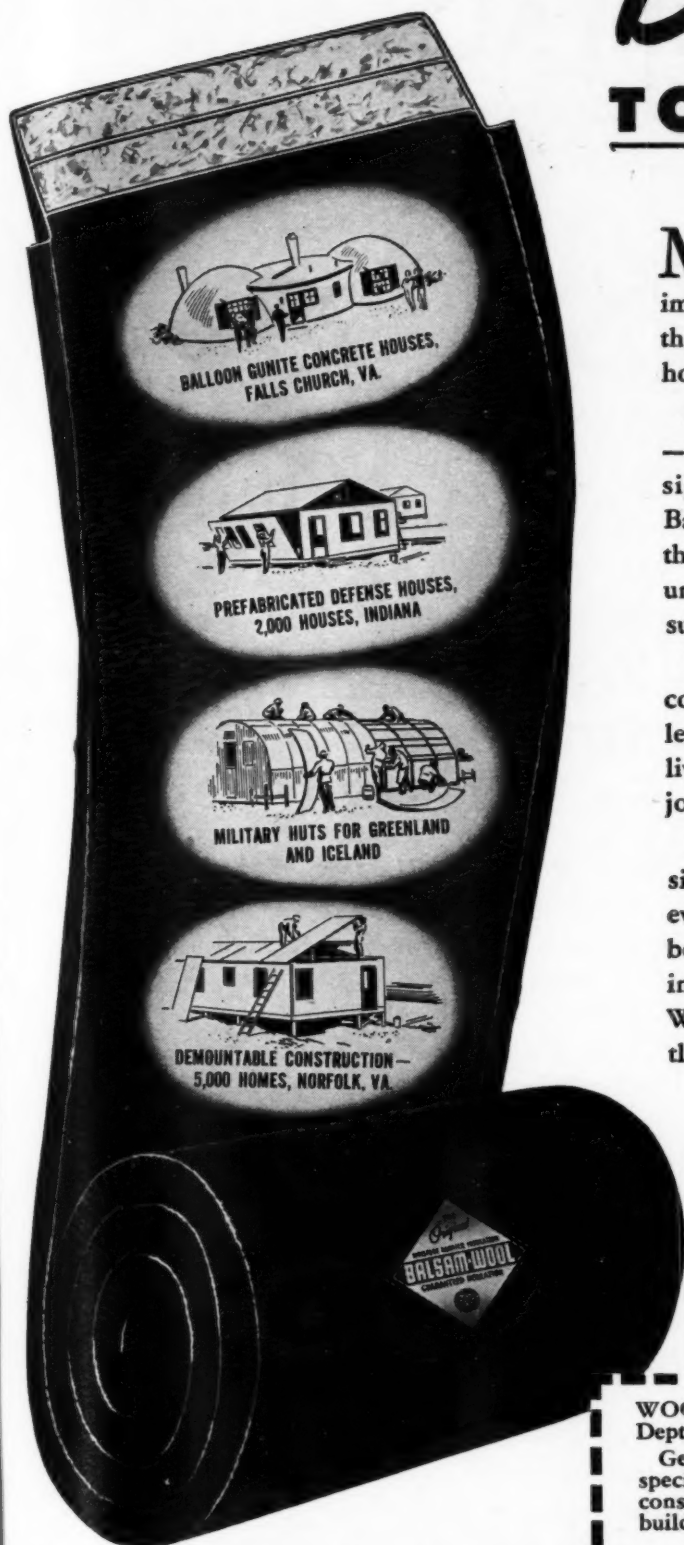


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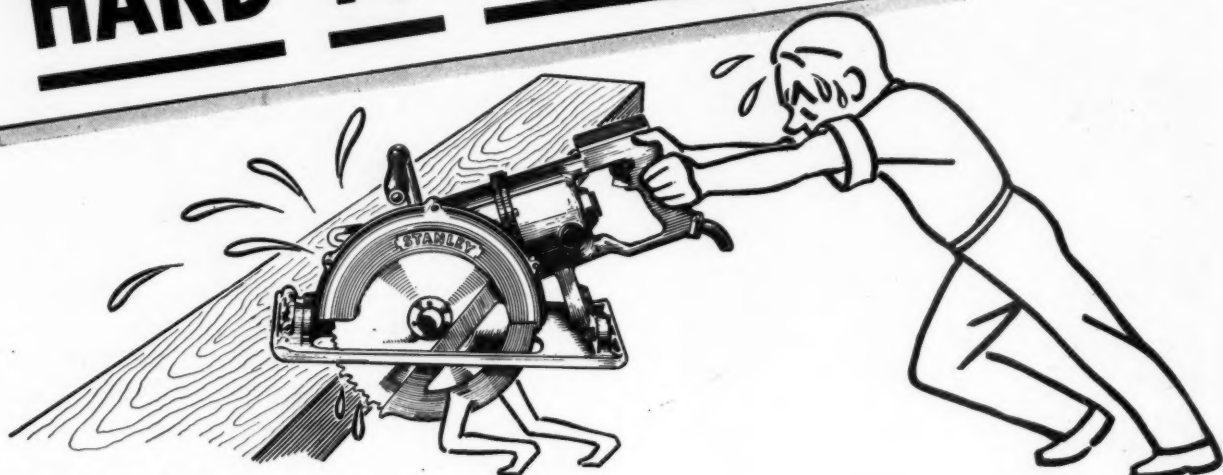
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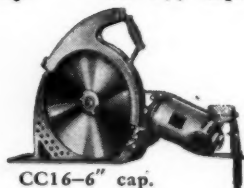
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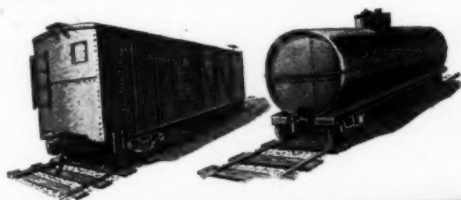


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A Small Builder Asks Help for Small Builders

THE *American Builder*, just before this issue went to press, received from a general building contractor a letter most graphically and significantly describing conditions now existing not only in his own community, but in thousands of communities throughout the country. Its writer signed his name and gave his address, but at his request his identity is not disclosed. However, it is pertinent to state that he lives in a rural town with a population of 5,000, that nearby there is another town of 7,000; and that they are located only about 50 miles from the state capital. The letter follows, italic type being used to emphasize certain points:

"I have been reading your editorials in the *American Builder*. I wish you would help straighten out a very tough situation.

"There are millions of people who need their houses repaired or necessary maintenance work done. Much of it does not amount to much. Or small additions to residences or maybe a garage is needed. Or fences built or even repaired. *They are scared stiff and live in fear of being fined, imprisoned, etc., by the federal officers.* Even in defense districts like ours here they harbor such fears. There is a crying need for houses and rooms here, as a great camp is under construction. Nobody understands that \$500 limit in town, or \$1,000 in the country.

"If you inquire anywhere you find some fellow with his feet up on his desk and his head in his hands with a faraway look on his face. *He blats out a few curt sentences, supposed to be information, and acts as if he expected you should know all these things yourself.* So you go out, knowing less than when you went in, and *naturally you do nothing further about the necessary work.* Contractors and sub-contractors are afraid even to figure on work.

"Now, many of the builders getting along past 50 cannot go out to the army camps to work 70 hours per week on them, like the schedule here. The contractors out there hire and fire, and if they can 'hand it' to a smaller contractor who tries

to hold a job at such places, *they take great pleasure in tying a can to him.* Even good journeymen get it.

"Naturally, we all want to win this war —of course we do. Nevertheless, *we have to live some way.* We can't all go on relief or hold a public office job at fat pay. *This thing is driving us crazy!*"

THE *American Builder*, in reply, has directed this contractor's attention to the article entitled, "War Board's Building Conservation Order" which appeared in the May issue of this paper, beginning on page 39, and which told in detail what may and may not be done under Order L-41, effective April 9.

Meantime, how completely the letter vindicates what was said on this page in our May issue under the caption, "Helping Small Builders and Dealers to Help." "Government, large contractors and manufacturers," we said, "must do their parts" in helping small builders and dealers to contribute their large share toward the government's building program by informing them *what* they can do and *how* and *with what* they can do it. Instead, the writer of this letter asserts, those wanting work done by small builders are "scared stiff; if you (the small builder) inquire anywhere, you find some fellow" —i.e., some government fellow—"with his feet on his desk" who "acts as if he expected you should know all these things yourself" and "naturally you do nothing further about the necessary work."

DOESN'T sound like the "American way," does it? The small building industry *must* be given full opportunity to participate if the government's huge war building program is to be successful; it is *not* being given this opportunity; it can be given it *only* by the means outlined on this page in our May issue; and if it continues not to be given it, responsibility for the results will belong to the government.

Samuel O. Dunn,

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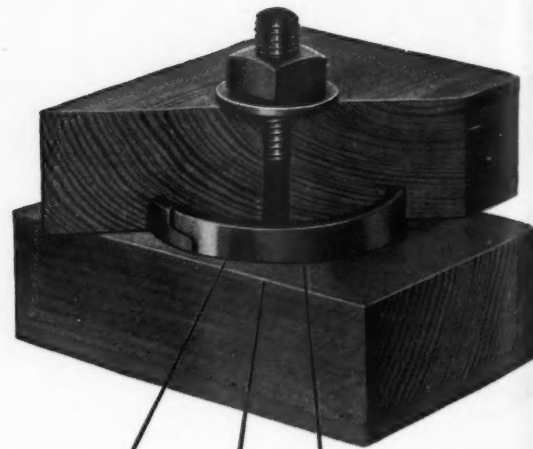
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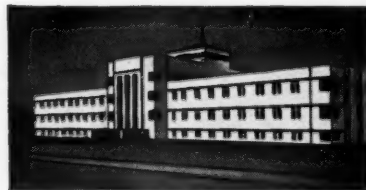
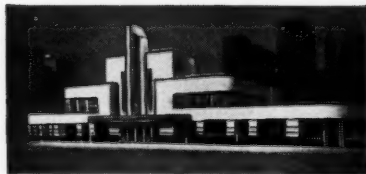
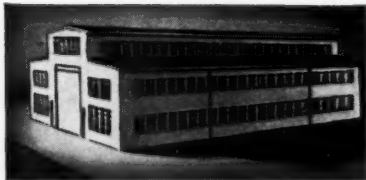
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The present strategy is to speed to early completion the additional needed training camps, bases and largest munitions works, getting them into immediate quantity production, and to cancel or postpone all long range projects that cannot be finished in time to contribute to victory *this year and next*.

This program, while obviously bringing great strain on the construction industry this spring and early summer to speed up and complete the major projects, holds hope of fairly early relief to small builders and dealers in releasing to them materials and equipment for needed local projects to serve the people and contribute to the overall war economy.

Private Industry Home Building Approved

Congress and the Administration have endorsed the service of the private home building industry in a most convincing way by putting through a number of amendments to Title VI of the National Housing Act to facilitate the building in "defense areas" of war industry homes for rent and for sale. These amendments include:

1. Upping of the mortgage insurance limit on one-family dwellings in defense areas from \$4,000 to \$5,400 (which will make an FHA 90% mortgage available on a \$6,000 house);
2. Extending the permissible mortgage term from twenty to twenty-five years;
3. Increasing the amount of mortgage insurance permissible on war housing from \$300 to \$800 million;
4. On large-scale rental housing projects (section 608), increasing the percentage which the mortgage may have to assessed value from 80% to 90%.

These amendments, which incorporate in detail recommendations made some months ago by the Home Builders Emergency Committee representing the home building industry, cut away phraseology that has hampered consideration of war housing realistically on its current merits. They open the way for more liberal administrative regulations and policies.

It seems that *American Builder*—in company with most other builder and dealer publications—was in error in its interpretation (page 39, May) of the farm building restriction in Conservation Order L-41. The present ruling is that the \$1,000 limit applies to all farm construc-

tion on any individual farm within a 12 months' period, and not to each separate farm building.

The lumber secretaries, at their recent meeting, formulated certain definite questions pertaining to L-41, Question 5 reading: "Can a farmer build a horse barn costing \$900 and, within the same twelve-month period, build a hog house costing \$600?" H. R. Northup, secretary of the National, has circulated answers to these questions by William V. Kahler, chief of the Construction Branch, War Production Board. His answer to this Question 5 reads: "A farmer cannot build a horse barn costing \$900 and a hog house costing \$600 within the same twelve-month period without specific authorization, because the barn and hog house are construed to be part of the same agricultural project."

Other questions of general interest were answered:

Q.: Does every application for authority to begin construction have to go to Washington, or can it be acted upon by the Regional Office of the War Production Board and the necessary permission granted?

A.: Authorizations to begin construction are granted only in Washington. The Regional Offices of the War Production Board have not this power.

Q.: With regard to farm construction, who should be contacted as the representative of the Department of Agriculture in order to secure permission to commence construction of farm buildings costing more than \$1,000?

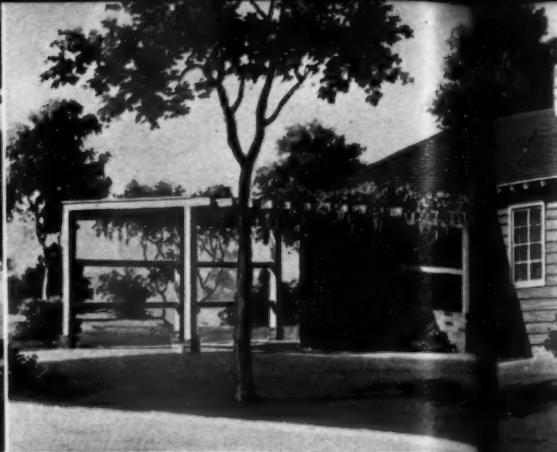
A.: Applications to begin construction of agricultural buildings should be filed with the local Department of Agriculture War Board.

Gasoline for Builders

Workers on war construction jobs in the gas ration areas who need their cars not only to drive back and forth to work, but also to travel from job to job, are assured adequate supplies of gasoline for these purposes, the Office of Price Administration declared on May 16.

Because of a lack of housing facilities near many construction jobs, workers have to be lodged several miles from their place of work. Also, building workmen, including electricians, plumbers and carpenters, have to transport their tools, thus making their cars essential.

The gasoline rationing regulations permit supplemental rations of gasoline, this publication is assured, whenever they are needed for cars that must be driven in pursuit of a gainful occupation. Supplemental rations may also be issued to migrant workers who need their cars to travel from job to job. Application for additional supplies of gasoline is to be made at a local rationing board. The local board is authorized by OPA to issue ration cards providing for the purchase of the necessary gasoline.



NEW NOTE in small homes is set by Levitt's "All-American" designs, featuring carports, exposed rafter ends, natural wood finishes.

Levitt & Sons of Virginia Set New

ANYONE who visits the 200-acre site of Levitt & Sons' new Title VI war-home project "Oakdale Farms" in Norfolk, Va., cannot help but come away with renewed confidence in the ability of private builders and private enterprise to meet the war housing emergency.

Here is perhaps the foremost American example of skill, ingenuity and sound construction experience applied to low-cost war homes.

Uncle Sam does not have a penny invested in this job. Yet attractive, livable two- and three-bedroom homes are being built at a remarkable rate. The Levitts confidently expect to complete 750 by the middle of August, although the job did not start until the latter part of April. A production rate of 50 completed houses a week is expected by midsummer—and by this the Levitts mean a house fully complete, equipped with electric refrigerator, stove, Venetian blinds, with the water turned on and the house ready to live in.

Building war houses under Title VI is no bed of roses. As I sat talking to Bill Levitt in his office, in what will later become a shopping center for Oakdale Farms, we were interrupted by frequent long-distance Washington telephone calls over a problem concerning an A-1-c priority rating needed for copper wire. There have been shortages of nails and other metals and of competent workmen. Yet the job is going ahead rapidly and the first 50 houses were ready for occupancy early in May.

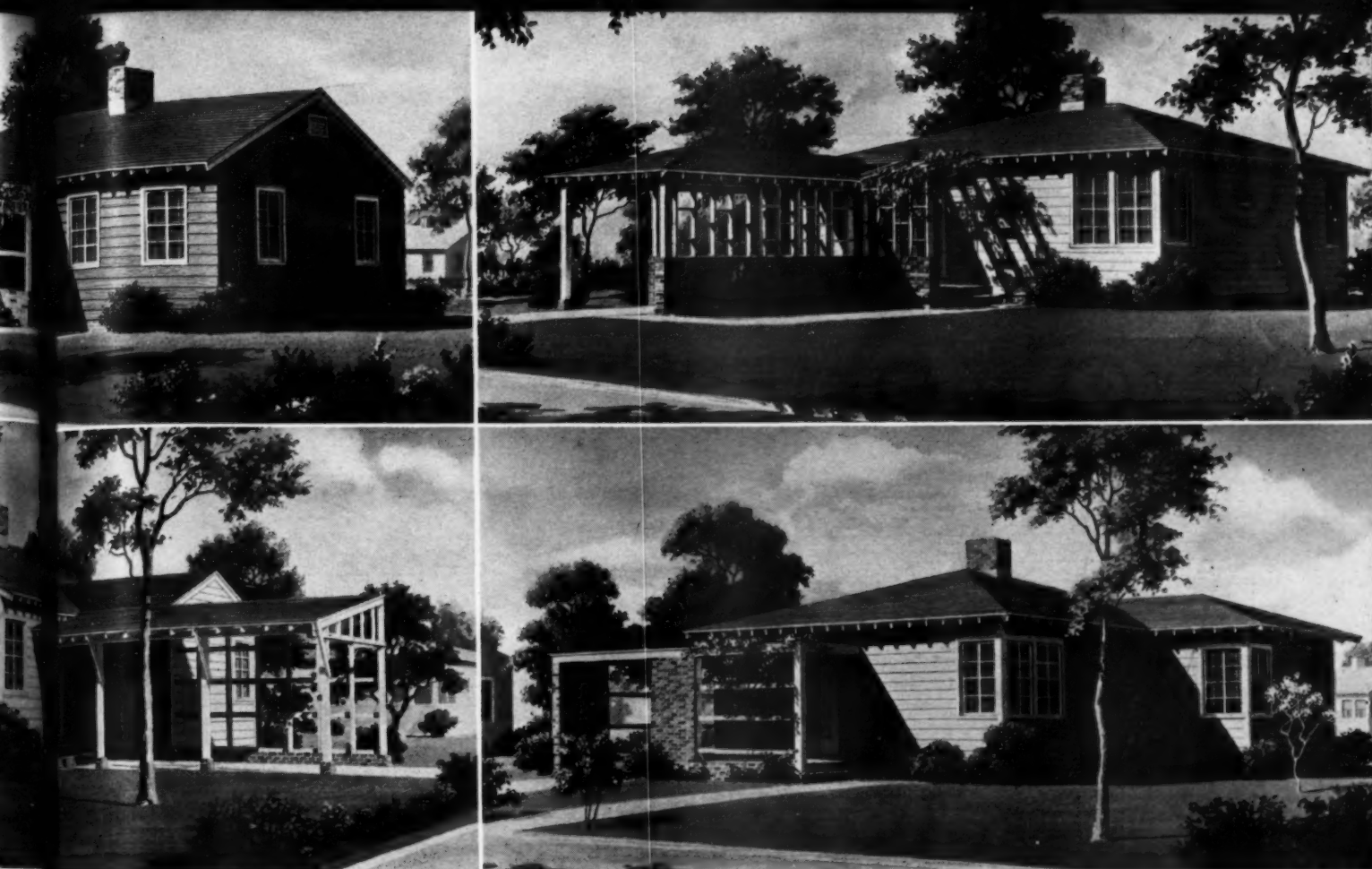
The thousands of perplexing and intricate problems involved in a job of this extent in wartime have called

"All-American" designs, modern floor plans, streamlined construction methods used in building 750 houses for rent to naval officers at \$40 to \$44 a month. Builders have A-2 priority

By Joseph B. Mason

for unceasing hours of hard work by these builders. It would be a fine thing if some of the critics of the private residential construction industry could visit such a job as this to see what it involves in terms of hard work and personal sacrifice. When I visited this job some 300 houses were in various stages of construction, and at that time the builders had approximately a million dollars tied up in the entire project. Not a dollar had yet been turned over to them by the insurance company that is taking the mortgages.

American Builder readers need hardly any further introduction to the Levitt organization, as its work has been frequently described in this publication. The firm is actively managed by William and Alfred Levitt, aged 35 and 31, respectively, who in the past five years have built more than 1,000 houses in their Manhasset communities on Long Island in New York, which they sold at a gross of over 13 million dollars.



ABOVE, Levitt's six basic designs: two-bedroom models, top row; three-bedroom at bottom. Plans and details on following pages.

Standards in Title VI War Homes

An outstanding illustration of the manner in which private builders are using ingenuity, skill and advanced building techniques to provide attractive war homes at low cost; 90% FHA mortgages, \$3650 and \$3950

It was not a desire for profit but for service that led them into the low-cost war house building field with its multitude of headaches. An important contributing factor is their intense desire to show that the private enterprise system can produce good houses at a constantly lower cost. Experience gained in these war houses will enable them to develop low-cost streamlined production methods they hope will prove valuable in the post-war period.

"We want Oakdale Farms to be an indication of what private enterprise can do now for war workers and also to give some idea of what is possible in the future," William Levitt told me.

"After the war we are going to build houses for the 'forgotten families' of low income and give them more house for the money than they have ever had before.

"We believe that private builders today and in the future must keep giving people of low income constantly greater value for their money. Our hope and aim is to make our houses so desirable that people will want to live

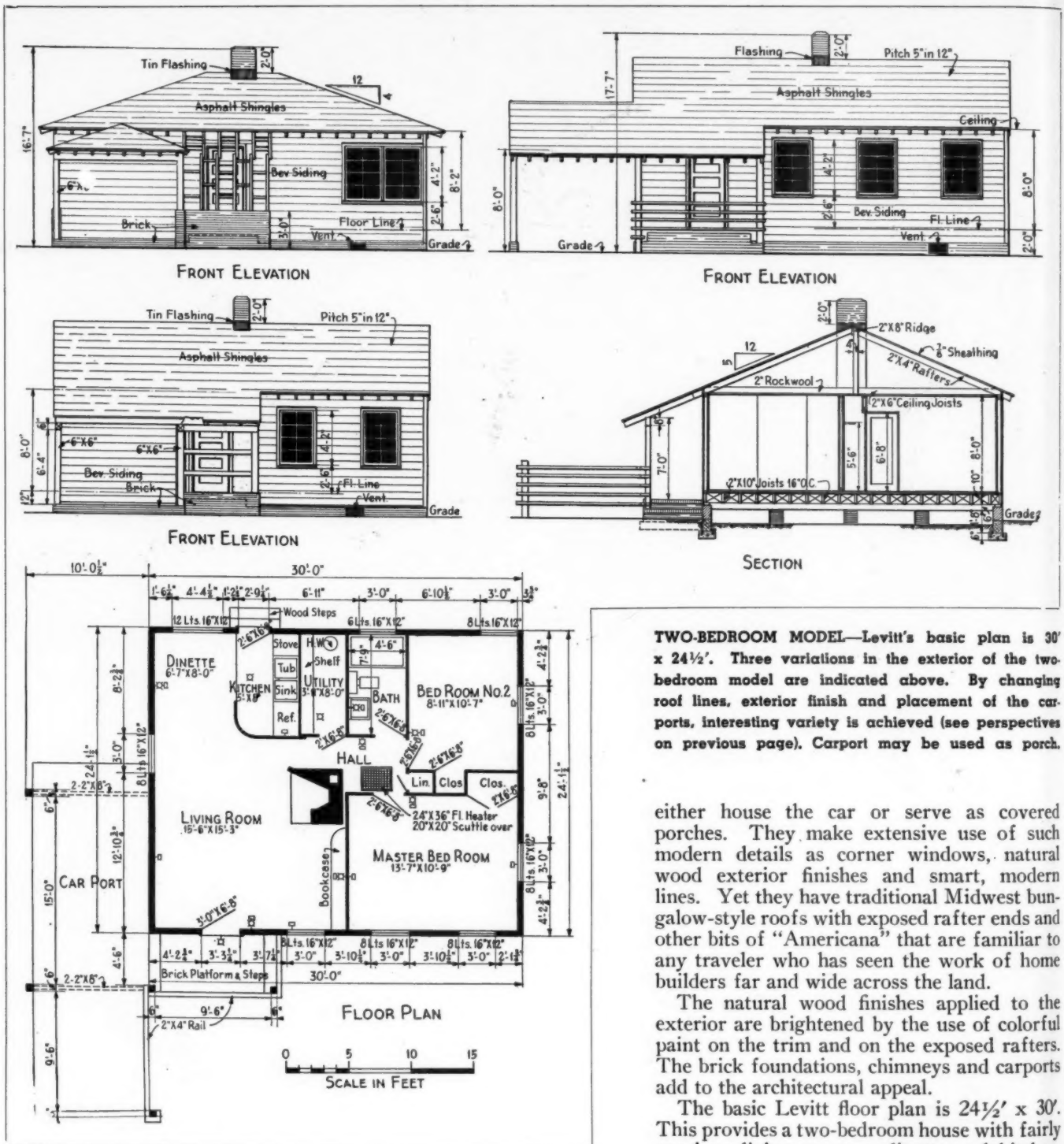
in them regardless of leases or down payments. A small home can be so well designed, nicely landscaped and soundly built that people of low income will not want to turn to public housing projects. That is the job we believe private builders must do."

Certainly the start made by the Levitts in their Oakdale Farms project is a promising one. In the first place, a new style of architecture has been created—a style with a fundamentally American feeling that will undoubtedly create a place for itself. I have called them "All-American" designs because they seem to have captured the tradition of the "wide open spaces" of the West, and then brought to them the modern planning and smart design of Eastern builders. They have interestingly detailed "carports" or semi-enclosed garage space, which may

First of Two Articles on Levitt & Sons

THIS is the first of two articles on America's outstanding private war home building job. The first article was written while construction was in full progress, and so cannot adequately show the attractive finish, landscaping and artistic detailing of the houses. A second article to be presented in a later issue will show the houses when they have been fully completed.

For a comparison with a publicly-financed, prefabricated war-home project, see article on pages 54 to 57.



TWO-BEDROOM MODEL—Levitt's basic plan is 30' x 24½'. Three variations in the exterior of the two-bedroom model are indicated above. By changing roof lines, exterior finish and placement of the carports, interesting variety is achieved (see perspectives on previous page). Carport may be used as porch.

either house the car or serve as covered porches. They make extensive use of such modern details as corner windows, natural wood exterior finishes and smart, modern lines. Yet they have traditional Midwest bungalow-style roofs with exposed rafter ends and other bits of "Americana" that are familiar to any traveler who has seen the work of home builders far and wide across the land.

The natural wood finishes applied to the exterior are brightened by the use of colorful paint on the trim and on the exposed rafters. The brick foundations, chimneys and carports add to the architectural appeal.

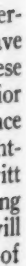
The basic Levitt floor plan is 24½' x 30'. This provides a two-bedroom house with fairly spacious living room, a dinette and kitchen. By the addition of an 8' x 14'-4" projection, a

third bedroom is added to this plan (see details, page 51). By turning these two plans at various angles to the street and by varying the roof lines, the placing of the carports and entrances, a surprisingly interesting variation in exterior appearance is achieved.

The Levitts have also shown skill and artistic understanding in placing the houses on the plots and have studiously avoided any monotonous regularity. These factors, coupled with the use of a variety of exterior color schemes, result in a most attractive appearance which, when the job is completed, will be greatly heightened by a thorough landscaping job. Previous Levitt projects have been notable for the beauty of the planning and landscaping. Early this fall landscaping crews will move in and do the entire job at once. Sixty carloads of trees and shrubs have been ordered.

TITLE VI Levitt houses feature fireplaces with coal grates, carports, "open plan," floor furnaces, 2" mineral wool insulation, dry-wall construction throughout.

NATURAL wood finishes used throughout. Trim and exposed rafter ends painted cheerful colors. Minimum lots are 60' x 120'.



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partition. The interiors of the houses are lined with Douglas fir plywood given a light natural-wood transparent finish.

The kitchen and bathroom are separated by a 3' utility space which provides easy access to the plumbing. The plumbing layout is extremely simple and is a noteworthy contribution to lower cost.

While the actual kitchen area is small, it is unusually well arranged and equipped. A General Electric refrigerator and General Electric steel cabinets both above and below the sink are installed across the entire wall. A quality insulated gas range by J. B. Slattery, with Robertshaw controls, is included in the equipment. The sink is a



A FOREST OF CHIMNEYS rises from the site of the Levitt job as more than 300 foundations are completed before carpenters come on the job. Rough plumbing was installed first.

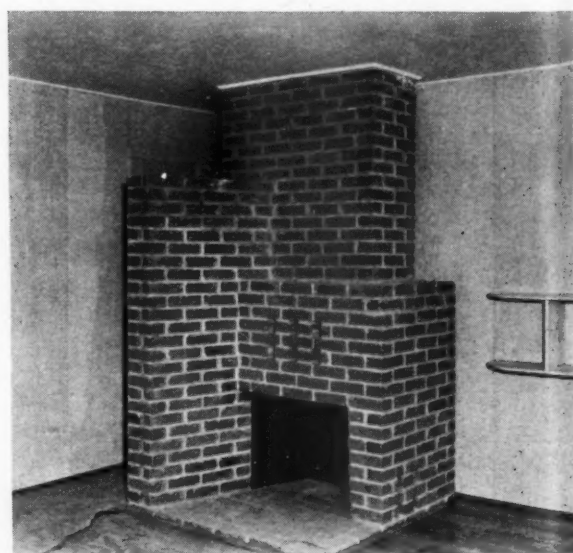


SIGN states rental and preference number. Storage building in the background will later be used as a local shopping center.

large duplex laundry tray and sink combination by American Radiator-Standard Sanitary Corp. Kitchen and bathroom walls are covered with Bird & Sons heavy waterproof Armorwall with glossy, enamel surface.

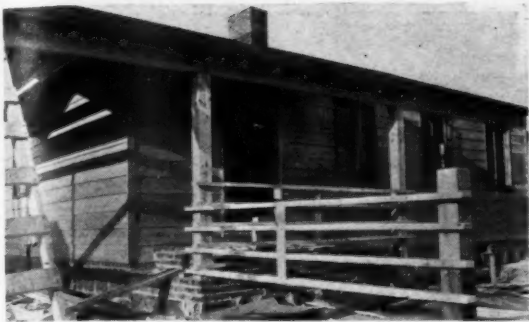
Other items of interior finish include Bruce streamline factory finished hardwood floors throughout, Acme Venetian blinds, and clever wooden lighting fixtures designed and built by the Levitts, using cellulose acetate (plastic) enclosures. No metal is used in these wooden fixtures and they hook over standard porcelain outlets.

Construction operations employed at Oakdale Farms are as forward looking and technically advanced as the designs. The Levitts made an intensive study of prefabrication before starting this present job and have



RECIRCULATING FIREPLACE of attractive brick dominates living room. Walls are of natural finish plywood, floors of factory-finished oak. Coal burning grates may be installed in fireplace.

INSTALLING STEEL package windows (left), which are delivered to job complete with frame and trim which have already been given prime coat of paint. Note substantial framing method, including notched corner braces, 2 x 10 floor joists, diagonal rough flooring.



CLEVER construction details of carport and decorative entrance railing. Note brick porch.



COMPLETE FOUNDATION with metal areaway, rough plumbing and oil tank; concrete pit for floor furnace.



LEVITT KITCHEN equipped with electric refrigerator, insulated gas range, duplex combination laundry-sink, metal cabinets above and below. Felt base Armorwall with baked enamel surface is being used on walls.

built a number of test prefabricated houses. They rejected this system, however, and instead are using many advanced and improved methods, coupled with successful standard practices.

One of the most striking features of the job is the fact that all the masonry work on foundations and chimneys was done far in advance of the carpenter crews. When I visited the job, about 300 foundations and chimneys were completed, and the rough plumbing was installed, presenting a remarkable sight—a "forest of chimneys." Bill Levitt pointed out that except for foundations there is no water used in the construction of these houses. When his

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APPLYING SIDING to exterior wall in horizontal position. Doors and windows are installed and wall is completed before raising.



CEILING HUNG from roof rafters so that interior finish can be applied without fitting around partitions. These are installed *after* gypsum board has been applied to entire ceiling and interior plywood finish to outer walls.



CONSTRUCTION DETAILS include gypsum board sheathing covered with 15 lb. felt, well lapped. Thick-butt asphalt shingles, piled in foreground, are used on roof. Roof rafters are 2 x 6, with 2 x 6 ceiling beams. Houses have 2" of mineral wool insulation in attic floor.



640-FT. FERTILIZER FACTORY converted to building of prefabricated houses—a beehive of activity. At left, Harry Hilp and F. V. Wilson.



BUILDING END GABLES on special jig table. Redwood siding is nailed direct to 2 x 3 studs covered by 30-lb. felt.



JIG TABLE used in building ceiling sections. Half-inch blanket-type insulation installed with tacker.

World's Biggest Prefab Job

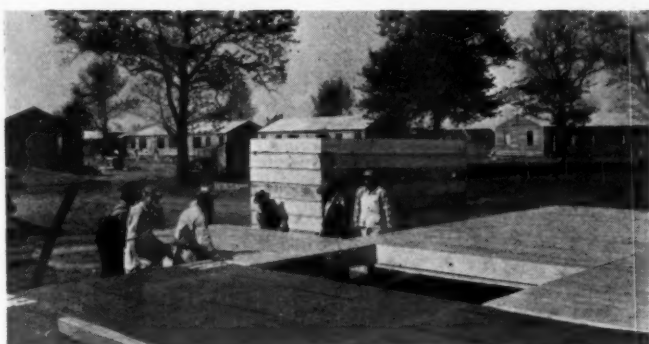
80 houses a day is capacity of Barrett & Hilp plant for 5,000-unit public job at Portsmouth, Va. Demountable sections built in 640 ft. factory are trucked 10 miles to the construction site

THE building of 5,000 houses in a contract time of five months is so colossal an undertaking that neither pictures nor words can describe it. This Barrett & Hilp operation at Portsmouth, Va., ranks high among the spectacular activities of America's construction industry at war.

To build the sections for these 24'-3" x 28' war houses a huge abandoned fertilizer plant 640 ft. long by more than 200 ft. wide was rented. Numerous additions were built, special railroad sidings were put in, and today this huge house-building factory presents an amazing scene of activity. An extraordinary amount of power equipment, trucks, cranes, Ross carriers, is required since the sections are handled a truckload at a time, which represents a serious weight problem. An



CEILING SECTIONS on long row of prefabricated demountable units are lifted into place with truck-mounted boom.



FINAL FLOOR SECTION slips neatly into place.



COMMON LABOR quickly erects the wall sections.

individual floor section requires six men to handle, and the eight sections used in one house are a formidable load.

The various wall, floor and roof sections when completed in the factory are loaded upon trailer trucks and hauled ten miles to the site. They are unloaded with truck-mounted cranes and piled in prearranged piles or on sledges which are pulled by tractors. Lighter truck-mounted cranes then move the ceiling, gable and floor sections one or two at a time into place in the houses.

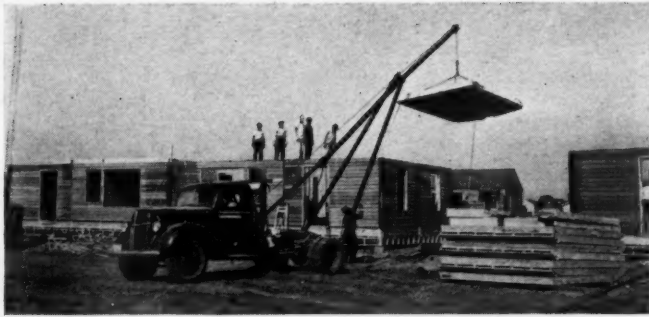
Thus, this world's largest home building operation has become one of the largest users of heavy equipment. For example, six huge Ross carriers are required in moving piles of lumber about the factory, and fleets of trucks move in and out of the factory and to the site. The materials involved mount to astronomical figures. The 5,000 houses require 1,240 carloads of lumber, 533 of Homasote building board, 200 of Bruce Streamline flooring; 15,000 kegs of nails, 43,000 squares of Johns-Manville and Ford asphalt shingles, 199,000 lbs. of Laucks Sote glue, among other items.

When full production is achieved the plant can operate two 10-hour shifts a day and has a capacity of 80 houses a day. Late in April when your *American Builder* correspondent visited this job, there were actually 30



AT FACTORY, floor sections are built two at a time, cut apart by power saw. Units are insulated with $\frac{1}{2}$ " blanket, have factory-finished oak floor surface.

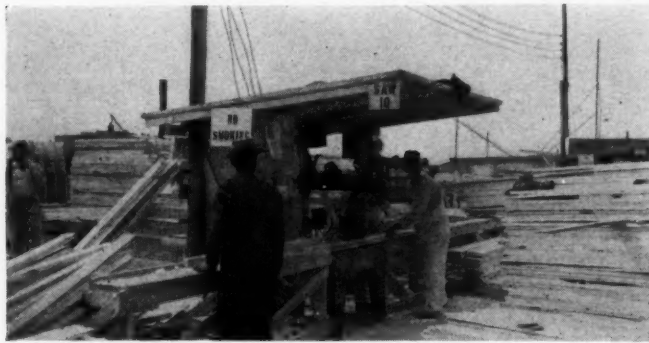
1240 carloads of lumber, 200 of flooring, 533 of building board used on largest house project ever undertaken. More than 15,000 kegs of nails, 43,000 squares of shingles used. Extensive heavy equipment required.



BOOM on truck swings ceiling sections into place.



HEAVY CRANE transfers prefab sections from truck to site.



BATTERIES of power saws are used in precutting lumber.



SIX HUGE CARRIERS transport lumber at factory.



LABORERS slide roof sections into place on long row of demountable units.



SWITCH BOXES, outlets and coils of wire cable are attached to studding in electrical workshop. These studs are then built into wall sections with wires protruding, ready for quick connection at site. All wiring operations have been highly standardized and greatly simplified.

Is this the housing pattern of the future? War gives builders of prefabricated structures opportunity to put into effect undreamed-of mass production techniques. 5,000-house job makes possible production of 80 units a day, using two 10-hour shifts. Cost per unit (house only) is contracted at from \$2,770 to \$2,990

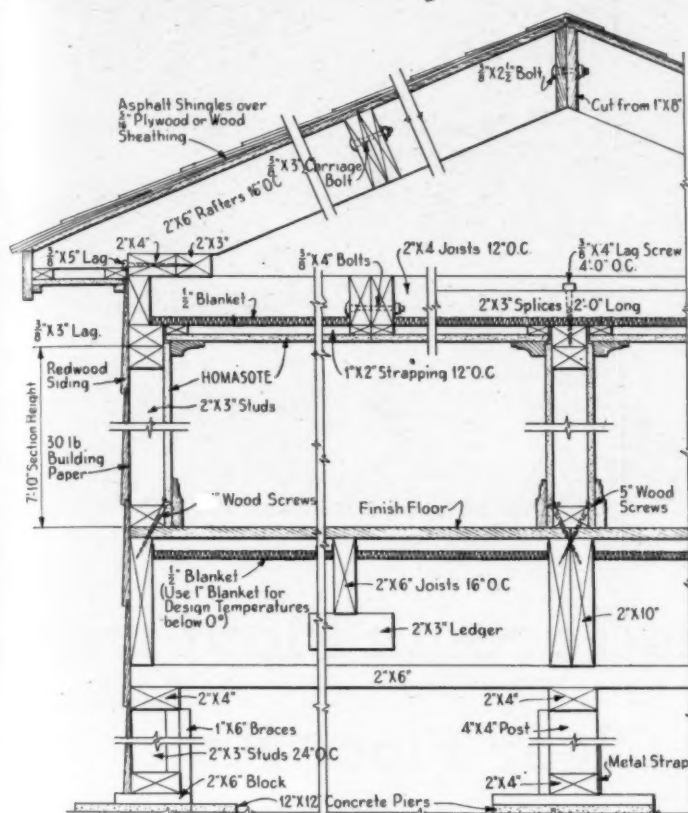
houses a day being produced, but at that time only one 10-hour shift was being worked. Due to governmental changes and delays and site difficulties over which the contractors had no control, they were unable at that time to go into full production, although fully prepared to do so.

Before going further with this article a few facts about the organization and background will be in order. The prefabricated demountable system employed by Contractors Frank Barrett and Harry Hilp is the "Precision-Built" system pioneered and developed by the Homasote Company of Trenton. However, due to the inability of the Homasote Company to produce enough of its building board to meet all war requirements, changes in the construction were made which involved the use of other materials. F. Vaux Wilson, Jr., the energetic vice president and general manager of Homasote Company, is active in an advisory capacity on the job and has with him Griffith S. Clark, Martin Wing, George Appel and W. Henry Neubeck, architect. In the Barrett & Hilp organization George McKeever is general superintendent; James Warn, shop superintendent; and S. A. Brown, field superintendent.

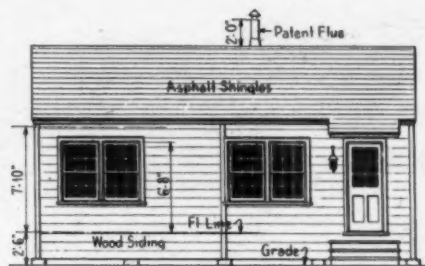
Barrett & Hilp and the Homasote organization have previously co-operated in several large government war housing projects, including the 977-unit Vallejo, Calif., job and the 500-unit project at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

It should be made clear that Barrett & Hilp's part in this home building operation involves solely the build-

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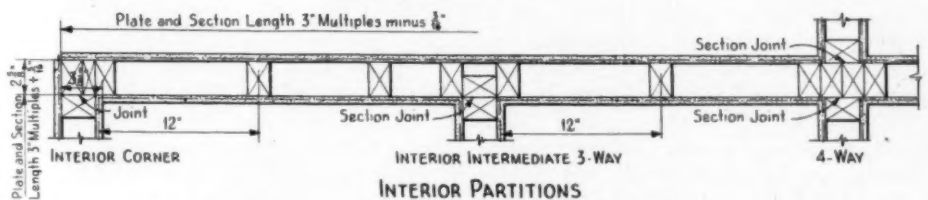
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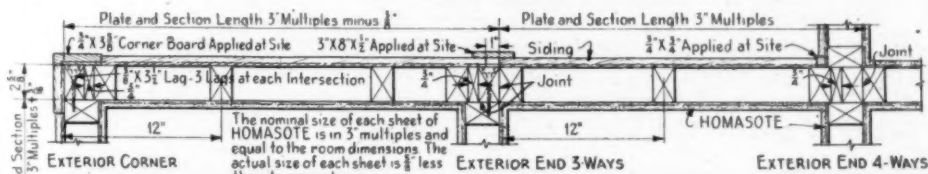
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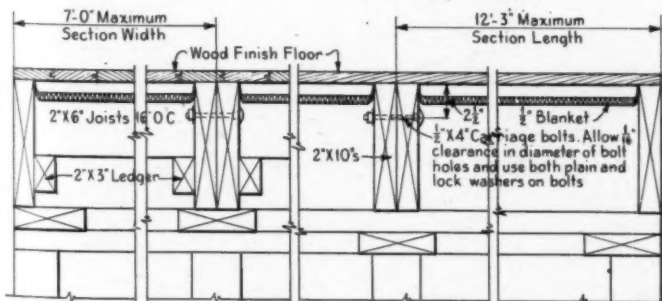
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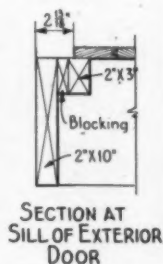
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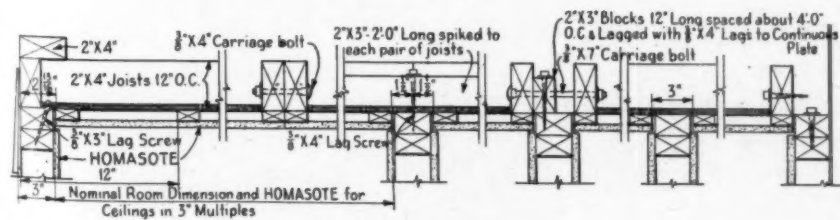
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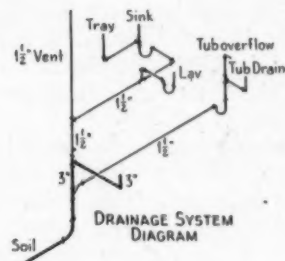
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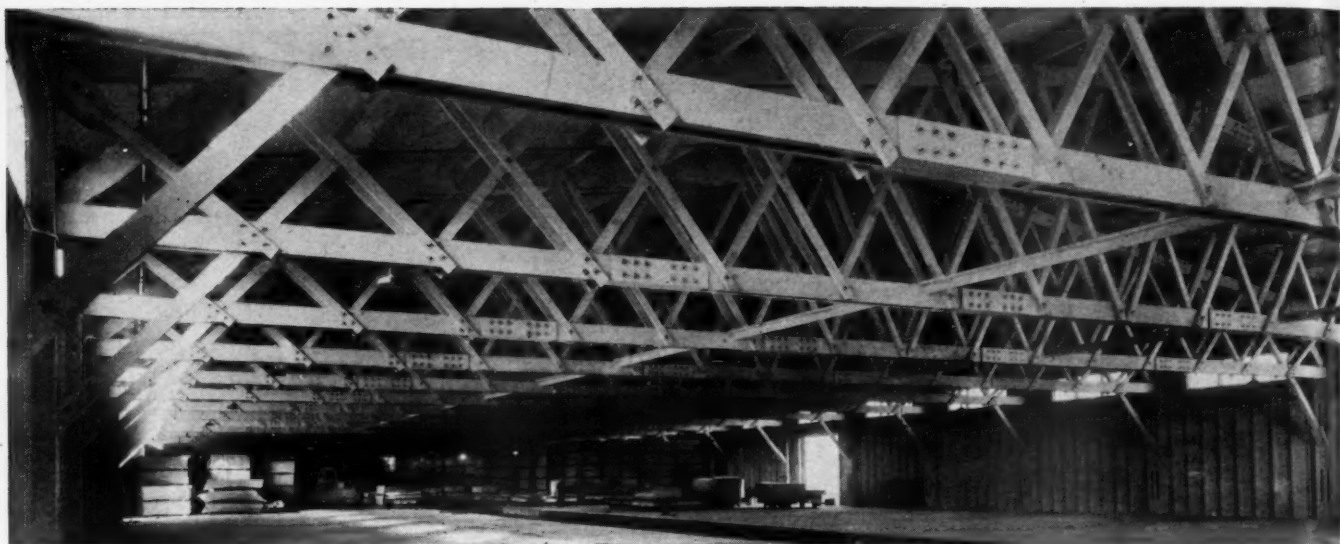
CEILING SECTION



DRAINAGE SYSTEM DIAGRAM

Details of Prefabricated Houses for Norfolk

PRECISION-BUILT prefabrication system details, as prepared by W. Henry Neubeck, Homasote Company architect of Trenton, N. J. Wall sections have exterior of redwood siding nailed directly to 2 x 3 studs covered with 30-lb. felt. Interior surface is of large panels of insulating building board. All sections bolt or screw together so that they may be demounted with minimum loss and moved to other site after the war.



Expansion Provides Tacoma Plant with 113 by 500-foot Clear Floor Area

WITH efficient industrial space for our war needs ranking high as a vital asset, the construction industry is quick to recognize and adapt methods that create it. Such an example is provided by the 200-foot addition that has been built onto the warehouse of the Pacific Forest Industries, a plywood handling concern. A 113 by 500-foot expanse of floor space in which to work has thus been set up on the Port of Tacoma dock, Tacoma, Wash.

Timber trusses, fabricated with Teco split-ring connectors, span the width of the big shed, with no need for center supports. The PFI managing director, Axel H. Oxholm, believes that only with this type of construction would it have been possible to achieve at reasonable cost an impressive safety record—never an accident since the original part of the warehouse was built in 1936.

As is the case here, the handling of plywood panels for any warehousing operation is likely to set up unusual space requirements, because of the large sizes in which plywood is available. In the PFI warehouse all sizes and grades from all mills must be rapidly accommodated, with plenty of space for each car to unload as it arrives. Because the wide, post-free Teco wood trusses support the entire

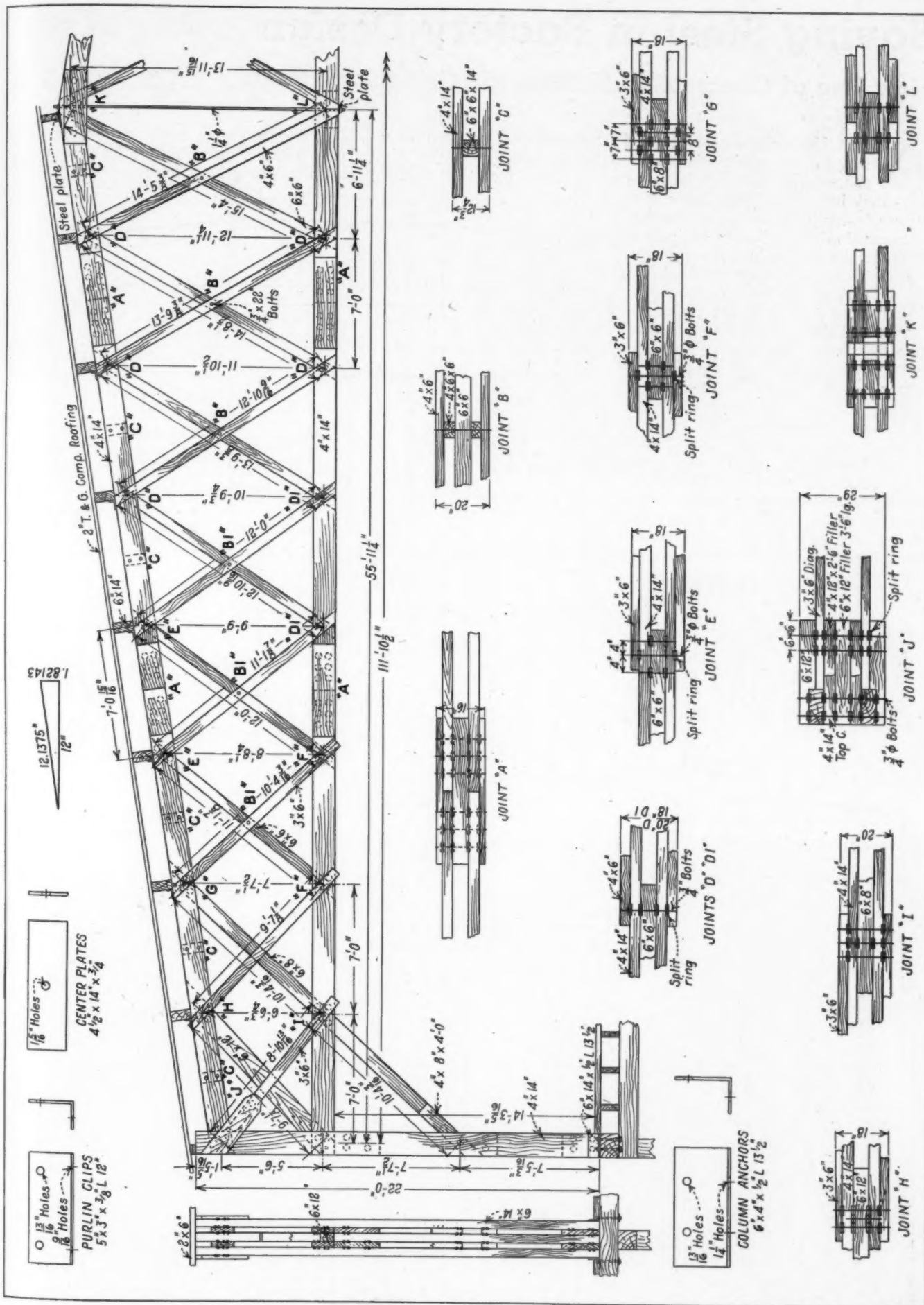
roof load, transmitting it to wall piers, warehouse trucks, etc., are all operated on a broad, clear floor.

Mr. Oxholm reports that visitors to the warehouse have been greatly impressed by the efficient operation which this type of construction makes possible, and that numerous plywood manufacturers are already using the Teco system in their own construction projects.

The new 200-foot addition, like the original building, was designed by George W. Osgood, Port of Tacoma engineer. The ten Teco trusses were constructed by F. A. Dahlgren, local contractor. The 4-inch by 2½-inch Teco split-ring connectors were supplied by the Northwest Bolt & Nut Company, Seattle.



AT TOP of page: Interior view of Pacific Forest Industries enlarged warehouse showing Teco connector wood trusses. **Right:** End of building where addition was made; new piers, joists, flooring and first truss in place.



CONSTRUCTION DETAILS of half-section and Teco split-ring joints, as used in trusses for Pacific Forest Industries warehouse.

Saving Steel in Factory Design

How Use of Concrete Cuts Need for Critical Material

ALTHOUGH the conservation of structural steel is now of even greater importance than a saving in construction costs, savings in both steel and total costs may be accomplished for many types of structures by employing an economical reinforced concrete design. The obvious saving in concrete over steel construction is represented by the structural steel members which are replaced by reinforced concrete. But careful design also offers a definite although less obvious opportunity for still further conservation of steel in reinforced concrete construction by utilizing the very minimum quantity of reinforcing steel to obtain the required structural strength.

Intelligently handled, reinforced concrete design, based on sound engineering principles, offers at least nine ways in which substantial quantities of steel may be saved. These include the following:

1. Elimination of wasteful over-design in either walls, columns, beams of floors, especially in multi-story buildings.
2. Reduction of span lengths in various concrete floor systems.
3. Uniformity in size of floor panels which permits standard-

ization and saves the contractor both time and material.

4. Use of tied columns rather than spiral columns.
5. Increasing the strength of concrete, especially in

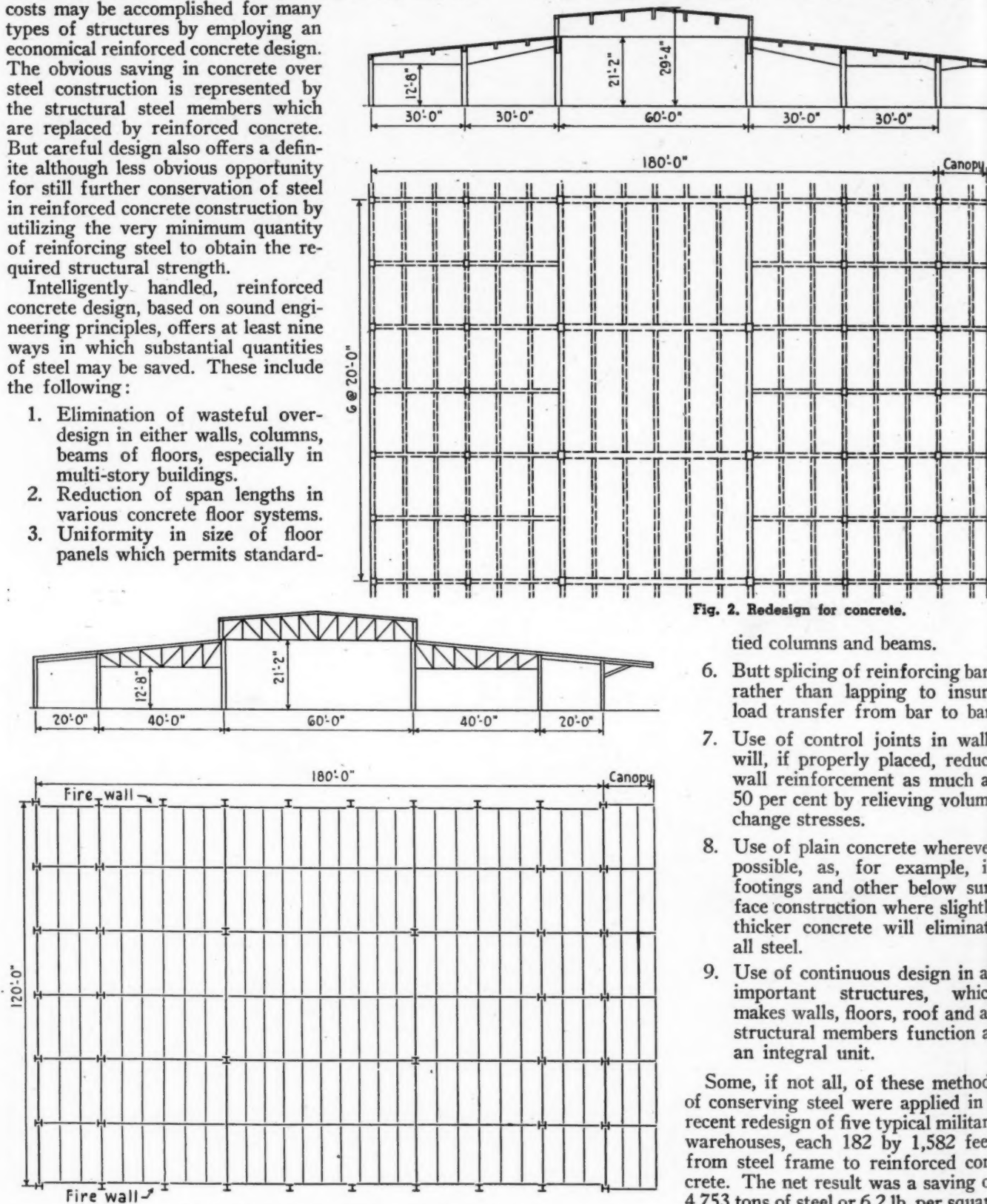


Fig. 1. Conventional layout for steel framing.

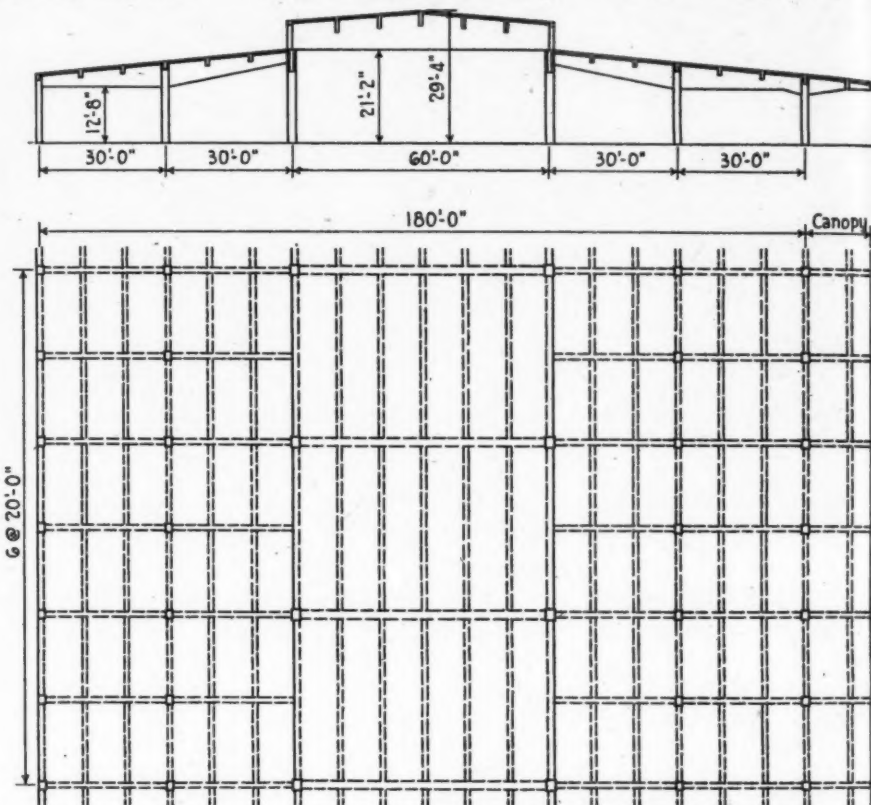


Fig. 2. Redesign for concrete.

tied columns and beams.

6. Butt splicing of reinforcing bars rather than lapping to insure load transfer from bar to bar.
7. Use of control joints in walls will, if properly placed, reduce wall reinforcement as much as 50 per cent by relieving volume change stresses.
8. Use of plain concrete wherever possible, as, for example, in footings and other below surface construction where slightly thicker concrete will eliminate all steel.
9. Use of continuous design in all important structures, which makes walls, floors, roof and all structural members function as an integral unit.

Some, if not all, of these methods of conserving steel were applied in a recent redesign of five typical military warehouses, each 182 by 1,582 feet, from steel frame to reinforced concrete. The net result was a saving of 4,753 tons of steel or 6.2 lb. per square (Continued to page 106)

HOW TO BUILD

Sabotage and Bomb Protection

BOMB SPLINTERS or the bullets of hidden saboteurs may be kept from electric transformers and other vital equipment or buildings by walls of hollow concrete masonry units with sand-filled cores. This method of protection is effective and has the advantage of conserving cloth sacks commonly used for sand bags, of which there is now a critical shortage. The concrete masonry units also have a high salvage value for other uses. Such walls, when erected without mortar, are easily dismantled after their need has passed.

Requirements for protective installations based on actual war experience in England are as follows:

Walls should be fire-resistant

- be capable of stopping either bomb splinters or high-velocity rifle bullets
- have adequate stability
- be able to resist severe weather exposure
- require minimum upkeep
- be quickly and economically built with local materials and unskilled labor

The English experience has shown that concrete masonry walls with sand-filled cores meet all these requirements. They have to a considerable extent replaced the sand bag walls which were widely used in England at the beginning of the war because it was found that the cloth sacks rotted within a few months, causing the complete collapse of many of the barriers.

Tests Prove Worth of Concrete Block Walls

Tests of the concrete masonry walls with explosives and rifle fire have been made in several parts of the United States in recent weeks. Garand and Springfield rifles, revolvers and machine guns were used with high velocity ammunition in field tests to determine the degree of protection afforded. In no instance did the bullets pierce the



POLICE official is firing with rifle at concrete masonry wall in test at Franklin Park, Illinois.

opposite face shell of the sand-filled concrete units even when successive shots were placed within a 3-in. circle. Eight-inch thick concrete masonry walls laid up with mortar afforded similar protection against attacks.

Electric utility companies in various sections of the country have built concrete masonry walls around transformers and sub-stations. Some factories performing essential war work have installed similar baffle walls around certain areas. Many industrial organizations have materials and specifications ready for quick installation of walls if the need develops.

The erection of the masonry walls, either with or without mortar, requires concrete footings to insure stability.

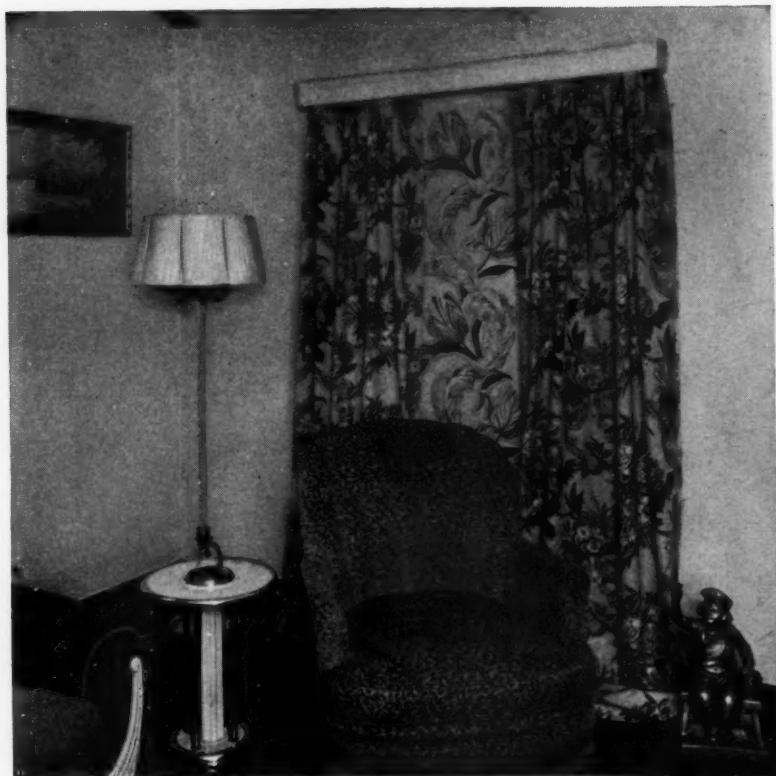
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THIS 12-in. hollow concrete masonry wall protects electric transformers in a power station at Kansas City, Mo. The wall is 13 ft., 8 in. high.

Blackout Panels for Homes Can Be Made Decorative

Select one room for permanent light-protection and make it attractive



ABOVE: Blackout panel in position. Note how the decorative treatment conforms to the flowered design of drapes. RIGHT: Touching up stencil design to eliminate tie-bars. CIRCLE: Placing decorated panel in window opening preparatory to blackout. BOTTOM: Panel in window to be kept permanently covered has decorated exterior in popular V-for-Victory design.



THE USE of weather-resistant wallboard, plywood or similar sheet materials which completely fill window openings and provide a measure of protection against flying glass is one of the obscuration methods suggested in the booklet, "Blackouts," issued by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense. To insure that the panels will be rain-proof, painting with an oil paint is recommended.

As a means of relieving the drabness of the panels, Frank T. Ross, special representative of National Lead Company on the West Coast, has suggested that they be given a decorative treatment while being painted. Such decoration would be suitable either for panels which are hung on screen fasteners and removed after blackouts or for panels which are to be kept permanently in position in order to facilitate blacking out.

The accompanying photographs, reproduced from the current "Dutch Boy Quarterly," illustrate blackout panels decorated with several types of designs by Mr. Ross. Each panel was cut to size from 3-ply plywood and then primed with white lead and linseed oil paint. A second coat of flat paint, made from white lead and lead mixing oil and tinted to match the wall color, was applied and stippled. The designs were executed with stencils and retouched to eliminate stencil tie-bars.

HOW TO BUILD

A Basement Cold Storage Room

THE preservation of fresh vegetables and fruit is just as important as raising them. This is particularly important if the full benefit is to be received from Victory gardens.

Satisfactory low-cost storage can be provided in most basements if insulation and ventilation requirements are met. Partition walls built of lightweight concrete masonry units are economical and will help provide satisfactory insulation, states the Cement Products Bureau of the Portland Cement Association, Chicago, in a recent data sheet for builders.

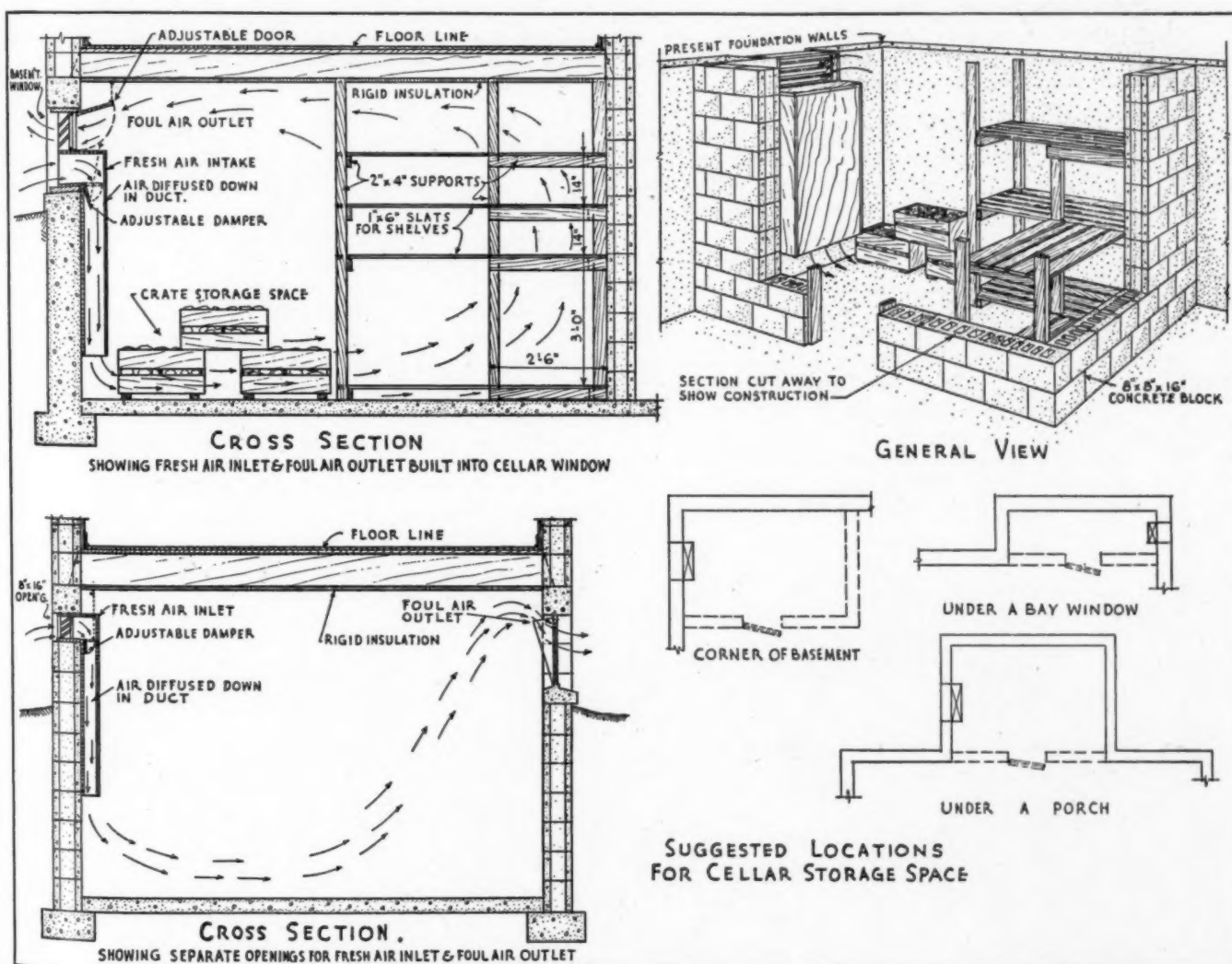
The plans herein show several possible locations for these storages and the details of ventilation and insulation. Very often the construction of only one new wall is needed to enclose a room under a porch or bay window. Only two new walls are needed to enclose a room when built in a corner of the basement. It is advisable to have a window in one outside wall in which a ventilating shaft and louver can be installed. However, the room may be ventilated by two small openings: one with a cold air duct to the floor, the other with a louver. The cross-section

drawings show details of two methods for ventilation. In cold climates provision should be made for closing the openings when necessary for protection against freezing.

The room may be equipped with slatted shelves on which fruit and vegetables may be stored, or crates with open sides or bottoms may be used to hold the fresh produce. These may be stacked up loosely to permit ventilation.

The ceiling should be made tight and insulated. The entrance door should be of double-boarded construction and should fit tightly in the opening to prevent air leakage.

The local concrete products manufacturer will be glad to estimate number and kind of concrete masonry units needed. Use a mortar mix of 1 volume portland cement to 1 volume of lime putty or hydrated lime to 6 volumes of damp loose mortar sand for interior masonry walls not in contact with the soil. For exterior walls in contact with the soil, use a mortar mix of 1 volume portland cement to 3 volumes of damp loose mortar sand to which may be added not more than 10 lb. of hydrated lime or lime putty per sack of cement.



DETAILS of easily built cellar cold room, important adjunct to a Victory Garden. Practically no "critical list" materials are needed for this construction which is adaptable to almost any home basement.

Treated Lumber in Los Angeles War Homes

Nowell Building Co. Finds Quality Helps Sales of Title VI Units in Westport Heights Development

WHEN the workers in war industries in Los Angeles are offered houses of good quality with dozens of added conveniences to enrich their living, it is a safe bet that the builder behind the development is looking ahead to the post-war period, when his defense-project houses will be judged by his peacetime customers. Good workmanship and good materials will always sell houses, now or later on. And builders in defense areas will profitably remember that there is no pressure being put on prospective buyers today by any outside agency—they still have to be sold.

Since its organization in 1924, the Nowell Building company, headed by Silas Nowell, president, and Norman Nowell, sales manager, has based its policy of operation on giving the buyer dollar-for-dollar value. Their project in Westport Heights, Los Angeles, now fifteen months old, offers no exception.

This 400-acre development, featuring houses from \$4,800 to \$5,950, which can be purchased under title VI of the FHA for an average down payment of \$600 and monthly payments of \$35, may well be scrutinized by other builders attempting to make sure that defense workers get attractive and lasting houses.

With their project located within four miles of important war industry plants, the Nowells are experiencing heavy demands for their houses, especially since the government's recent ban on tire sales has made long-distance commuting prohibitive. They plan to complete and sell approximately 4,000 units by 1945.

"Our development, or any other development," declares Silas Nowell, "to succeed must feature quality-built and not competitively-built houses, practical design, and courteous and cheerful compliance with all reasonable requests made by the buyer. Such adjustments, made after the sale is concluded, insure a satisfied owner. And owner-satisfaction is the best kind of advertising."

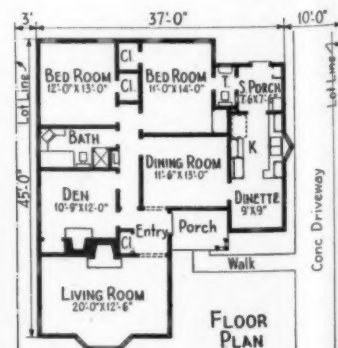
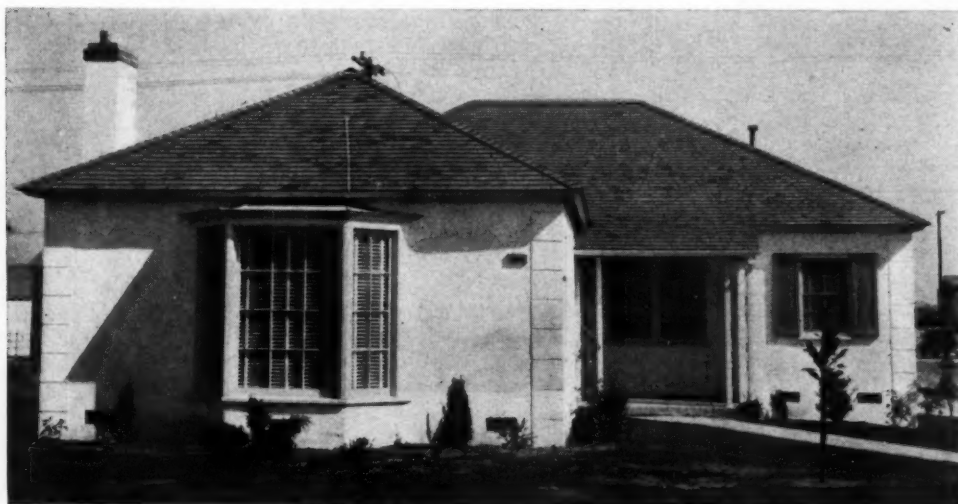
Being able to point out that details of reliable building extend to the many hidden points of construction has, in the opinion of the Nowells, been one of the



THE NOWELL brothers at their office on the tract. Silas Nowell, left, is president; Norman Nowell, right, is sales manager.

best selling arguments at Westport Heights. The extensive use of pressure-impregnated "Wolmanized lumber" is emphasized by salesmen, and prospects are reminded of its presence by display signs. Carpenters on Nowell jobs are experienced in applying this treated lumber properly. Cans of concentrated preservative solution are furnished on every job for brush-coating joints and cut-offs in the treated lumber. Approximately 1,500 feet of this clean, treated material is used in each house for joists, sills, pier blocks, posts, and girders to protect against attack by decay and termites. The material, adding less than 2 per cent to the total cost of each unit, is drawn as needed from the ample stocks at dealer yards.

Floors are quarter-sawn oak in all the rooms of the Nowell houses except in the kitchen, where they are of



TYPICAL Nowell house at left with floor plan above.



NOWELL-BUILT houses sell on quality—careful framing and Wolmanized Lumber in the danger zone insure a sound structure.

inlaid linoleum. The use of No. 1 Certigrade Red Cedar shingles, striking combinations of tile colors in the kitchens and bathrooms, "Daylight" shower doors, solid concrete driveways, two-car garages with upward acting doors, a fireplace in each house, specially designed light fixtures, waterproof exterior stucco, painted roofs, sprinkler systems, iron chain-link fences around each back yard, and electric house numbers are all points of comfort and recognized quality that make these homes attractive to the workers. The "Daylight" shower doors, designed by Frank Thomas, construction superintendent and purchasing agent of the Nowell company, are glass doors that overcome the cramped feeling of an enclosed shower by eliminating darkness and saving space.

Buyers are also attracted by the range of choice offered. They may select any one of 30 floor plans for four or five rooms. Or they may have Frank O'Connor, the Nowell designer, draw up an individual plan, without charge, keeping within the limitations of cost and stock material. It has been the experience of Mr. O'Connor that most people choose a standard plan with variations in elevation. Thus he says: "We aim to give the most flexibility, livability, and utility for the money spent. From previous deals on other developments with several thousand prospective buyers, we have learned what represents the 'typical home' in the public mind."

Another key to their success is the pride which the two Nowells take in rendering service to the owner after the purchase. A complete staff of service men, one expert in each trade, is on call to adjust all complaints until each owner is completely satisfied. Very few salesmen are required. Most of the work of showing houses to prospective buyers is done either by the prospects themselves or by their enthusiastic friends, themselves owners in the tract. And all business is completed at the central office on the ground.

As the houses are finished, they are thrown open for inspection on a sort of "serve yourself" basis. It is interesting to learn that most of them are sold even before completion to the many people who like to select their own colors, tile, paint, trimming, and the like.

In addition to word-of-mouth advertising, the builders rely upon continuous radio and newspaper advertising and publicity to obtain their prospects. Blocks of houses, floodlighted at night to attract the attention of motorists, also are open for inspection.

Approximately 450 houses have been completed since the development was begun in January of 1941. From 60 to 90 days are required to finish each unit. Construction by the crew of 325 workers was boosted recently to 15 houses per week and will be increased again if the demand continues to grow.

Ranking as a defense-housing project, Westport Heights has a high priority rating on materials. This fact, together with the placing of orders for large quantities well in advance, has resulted in the subcontractors experiencing little difficulty in getting all of the required materials.

All but one of the subcontractors have worked with the Nowell Building company over a period of years. The feeling is very much in evidence that the company can depend on good workmanship because the subcontractors know that they can secure mutually satisfactory adjustments as prices change.

As general contractor, the Nowell Building Company buys the lumber for the project. The subcontractors buy all of their own materials. "They are experts in their fields and can do a better job than if we were to venture into their work," Mr. Thomas points out. "Because the service and good will of local dealers mean more to us than any temporary price advantages we might gain by going to outside markets, all material is bought through local dealers. But all the material must be the best!"

Paneling in Knotty Pine

Design Details and Construction—By R. J. Alexander

PINE paneling, as used for a finish for interior walls, dates from early Colonial days. Some of the finest examples of the work of the early house builders, had walls of pine paneling. Houses that have stood for generations, and to this day, offer inspiration to designers and builders.

It is interesting to note that these fine examples of early American architecture were designed and executed by carpenter-builders; artisans who designed as they built. In America today there are a great many communities where builders are expected to design and build houses; or they are called in to do a job of remodeling and are asked to reproduce a room pictured in a magazine. To the carpenter who is going to build in a knotty pine room end, or remodel an attic into a boy's hideaway these suggestions are made.

Uses. In present day residence design the trend is toward simplicity and a home-like atmosphere and knotty pine fits into this picture perfectly. In houses of Colonial design or small cottages, it can well be used in one or more rooms.

One end or side of the living room, all of the walls of a dinette or small dining room, a den or a boy's room can be successfully treated with knotty pine paneling. Recently kitchens, including the cabinet work have been given a knotty pine treatment, but it is suggested that this type of wall covering be used sparingly, and in contrast to other wall finishes.

Selection of Materials. Years ago a board that had a knot in it was used for sheathing or for firewood. Only "clear" lumber was good enough for interior finishing, and so, in some of the old houses the pine paneling was not knotty at all. Clear boards, up to 24" in width were often used.

Today, however, pine paneling means "knotty pine." Some pine mills run this lumber, tongued and grooved, and with the edges moulded. Quite a few lumber yards carry it in stock, although their moulding designs and sizes may be somewhat limited.

Knotty pine paneling that is ready to put on the wall is recommended to the carpenter if it is available. The machining is apt to be better and the lumber will probably have been kiln-dried and therefore less apt to shrink after installation.

Knotty pine paneling can be ordered along with other millwork from the dealer's regular source of supply. Sometimes local shops are equipped to handle work of this kind. If made up special the cost may be a little higher, but the carpenter can specify the width boards he wants, and possibly the design of the moulding.

As mentioned before, the designer should strive for simplicity in design. A great many mouldings are available. Figures 8-A, 8-B, and 8-C show three popular designs. Figures 8-A and 8-C are recommended for most jobs. The designer should also give consideration to the widths of boards used. A large room can stand a larger percentage of wide boards than a small room. Boards of 6", 8" and 10" width make an ideal combination, and are shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. The size of the knots is not important, but they must be sound. The boards should be free of pitch and should not have too much sap stain.

If the knotty pine is to be run at a local mill, the carpenter can select his own boards. He may have to pull boards from the piles of No. 1, 2 and 3 common, to get

the selection he wants, but a majority of No. 2 should be used.

Preparation of Walls. Knotty pine paneling may be applied over old plaster walls, masonry walls or on new framing. The paneling is usually applied vertically, and so the members to which it is nailed are applied horizontally, as shown in Fig. 2.

Over old plaster walls apply the nail strips directly over the plaster, nailing through the plaster into the studding. On masonry walls it may be possible to nail into the mortar joints, but the use of wood plugs or expansion screws is recommended. On new work 2" x 4" girts can be nailed in between the studding. Nailing strips or girts should be not more than 3' apart.

The bottom and top nailing strips should be wide enough to provide solid backing for the base and cornice. On remodel work the old base will quite often serve as the bottom nailing strip. 1" x 2" strips will be large enough for the intermediate pieces. All of this lumber can be No. 4 common.

On old work it may be necessary to shim up the nailing strips with narrow pieces of wood shingles to get a straight surface. Around door and window openings the nailing strips should be continuous and can be of 1" x 2" material. On new work and over basement walls it is advisable to place waterproof building felt under the nailing strips.

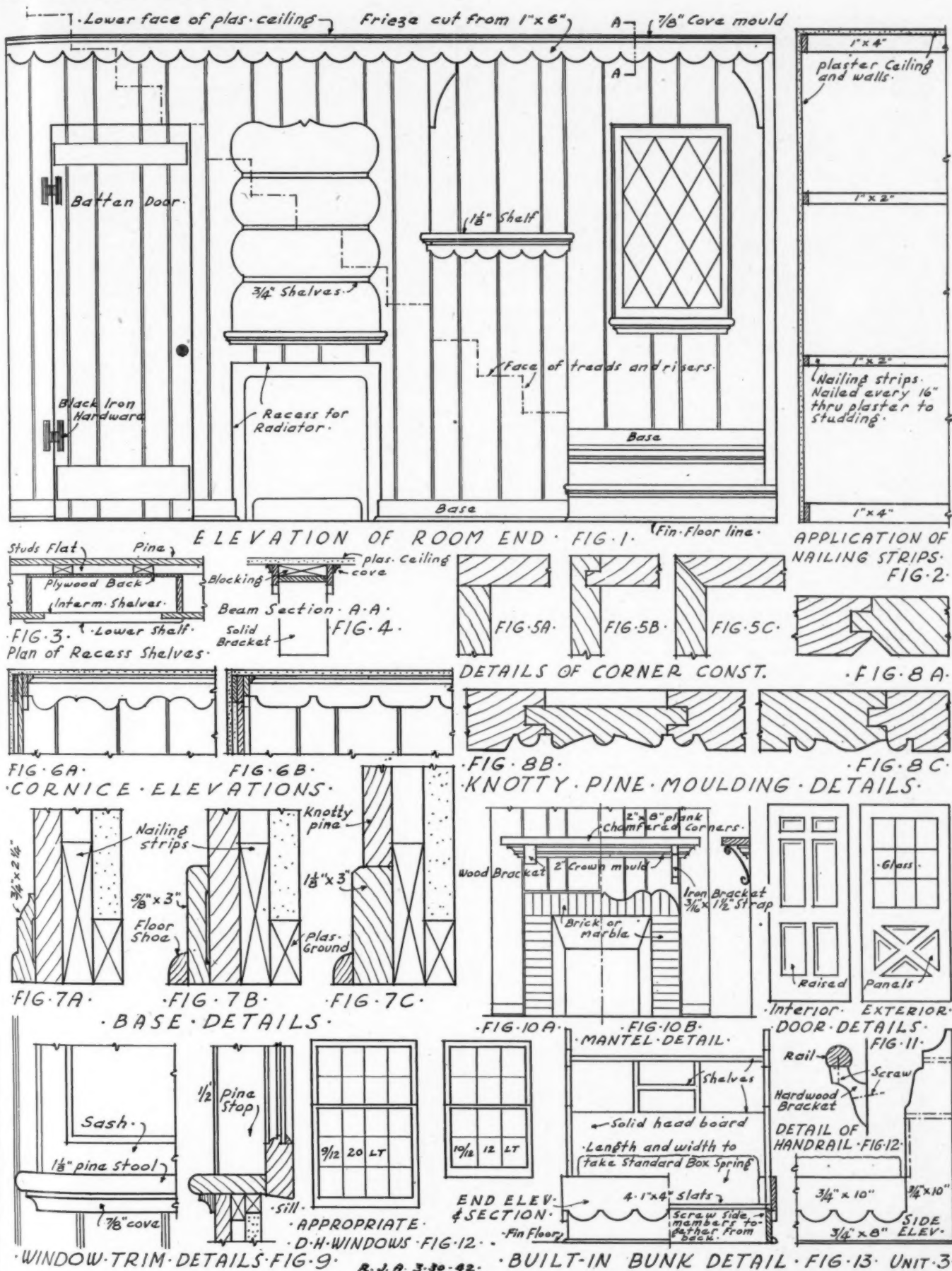
Application of Paneling. The carpenter is advised to start in one corner and continue all the way around the room. Use the narrowest widths of boards in the corners, to minimize shrinkage cracks. Figures 5-A, 5-B and 5-C show various corner treatments. Fig. 5-A, a butt joint, will prove entirely satisfactory. Fig. 5-B is better because shrinkage will not leave a white streak in the corner. Fig. 5-C is least satisfactory of all.

Lay out the work so that the moulded edges of the boards will not come too close to door and window openings. Usually an equal number of each width of board will be used but a more pleasing effect will be obtained if they are not put on according to a rigid schedule of 6", 8", 10", 6", 8" 10", etc.

The tops and bottoms of the boards, where covered by cornice and base can be face-nailed, but when nailing to the intermediate strips they should be blind nailed as for flooring.

Base and Corner Treatments. Figures 7-A, 7-B and 7-C show different methods of applying base. Figures 7-A and 7-B are types most generally used and will require less time. The method shown in Fig. 7-C may be required where standard lengths of paneling will not reach from floor to ceiling, without excessive waste. This latter method requires that the boards be carefully and squarely cut to eliminate any cracks between base and paneling. It is possible also to run the knotty pine close to the floor and finish off with nothing more than a quarter round or floor shoe.

Cornices afford an opportunity for the designer to exercise his originality and skill. But here again the carpenter should be reminded that simplicity is the keynote of good design. The simple designs are easier to make and will prove to be just as attractive as those that are more ornate. The designer will of course want each house to have its individuality and it is in the design of cornices and open shelving that that individuality can be shown. Figures 1, 6-A and 6-B show appropriate cornice or frieze designs.



If the design is made up of small units, as in Fig. 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ " lumber will be about right. A larger design, as shown in Fig. 6-A would work out better if made of $\frac{3}{4}$ " lumber,
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Seattle War Workers Get Homes—Not Mere Housing

Balch and Setzer are building Title VI jobs that have "everything" in their carefully planned development

AL BALCH, nationally prominent builder and developer, sets the pace for war worker housing in the Northwest.

IT can be done today—a subdivision of low cost homes selling for the most part under FHA Title VI, within a sales bracket of \$5200 to \$6000, yet a residential park of beauty, taste and privacy with houses designed by a first-rate architectural firm and grounds, roads and landscaping laid out by a reputable firm of engineers. Such is Wedgewood, now under construction in Seattle; Balch and Setzer, Inc., are the developers and builders.

So that no two homes will look alike, 25 basic floor plans are being used. The elevations of these 25 plans are being changed so that of the 200 homes, only 4 to 6 will be similar in exterior. In such cases exterior materials and paints will be changed so that there will be no two houses exactly alike in every detail.

Of the 50 houses already completed, 48 have been sold to war workers. Seattle, a defense housing area, is seriously short on homes due to a great influx of industrial manpower. Recognizing this, government authorities have assured Seattle builders that a sufficient supply of critical building materials will be allocated to the area to provide for more construction like that of the Balch and Setzer development. The new War Production Board building order is not expected to interfere with such building.

The floor plans (typical two and three bedroom styles illustrated) and job of superficial changes are being handled by the architectural firm in charge of the work

—Thomas, Grainger and Thomas. A general style of low, rambling frame construction is being used throughout. Garages are attached. All houses are operative built.

The project involves 40 acres of irregular, winding tract, thickly covered with firs and cedars, the majority of which are left standing. Utility poles are placed on the backs of the lots. There will be no poles on the streets. Small lamp posts will be used instead of the usual large ones.

Like any private residential park, Wedgewood has its gates; four of them will cost approximately \$1000 each when finished. One that is finished is made of cut field stone, quite massive, with large planting beds on each side. At the northeast end of the tract, space has been reserved for a community shopping center. All along the main arterial bordering the tract, a cypress planting to form a thick 18 foot screen is being installed. It will continue to bound the perimeter of Wedgewood for

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TYPICAL Balch and Setzer three-bedroom design located in their Wedgewood development has style and charm, as well as practical plan (shown above at right).



Rental Duplex Units Pre-Built on Site

**Alabama war housing rushed in
power tool equipped shop; living
units are placed back-to-back**

FABRICATION on the site plus demountability are features of Coosa Court, a war industry housing project recently completed at Childersburg, Ala. The project includes 50 duplex houses or 100 apartment units in all, also one community house. It is adjacent to a \$75,000,000 powder plant to be operated by the duPont Company.

Algernon Blair of Montgomery, Ala., was the general contractor and Raymond Sizemore of Montgomery the architect, with Chas. H. McCauley, Birmingham, and Morland G. Smith, Montgomery, as associate architects.

Under the "site fabrication" technique used, a shop was set up on the premises and all panels for walls, ceilings, floors, roofs, partitions and other units built for later erection in the field. In this way factory methods could be effected without any attendant high manufacturing and transportation costs. The panels were bolted together on the job in such a way that demountability and re-erection are possible, with a maximum of salvage. Where it was necessary to nail panel units together, duplex headed nails were used for ease of extraction.

Assembly crews in the shop were generally composed of two carpenters and one laborer working between two jigs or templates. While one panel was being assembled the other jig was being loaded and made ready for the carpenter by the laborer. The first jig as soon as completed was shipped and reloaded as the second one was being assembled and so on.

Some \$25,000 worth of equipment was used by the contractor on the job. Shop equipment



TOP: General view of 50-duplex house project near du Pont powder plant at Childersburg, Ala. **Above:** Close-up of one of the duplexes, consisting of two four-room units; entrances are at the ends.

KITCHEN equipment, as shown at left, includes gas water heater, combination sink and laundry tray, refrigerator and stove (not in view); Algernon Blair was the general contractor.



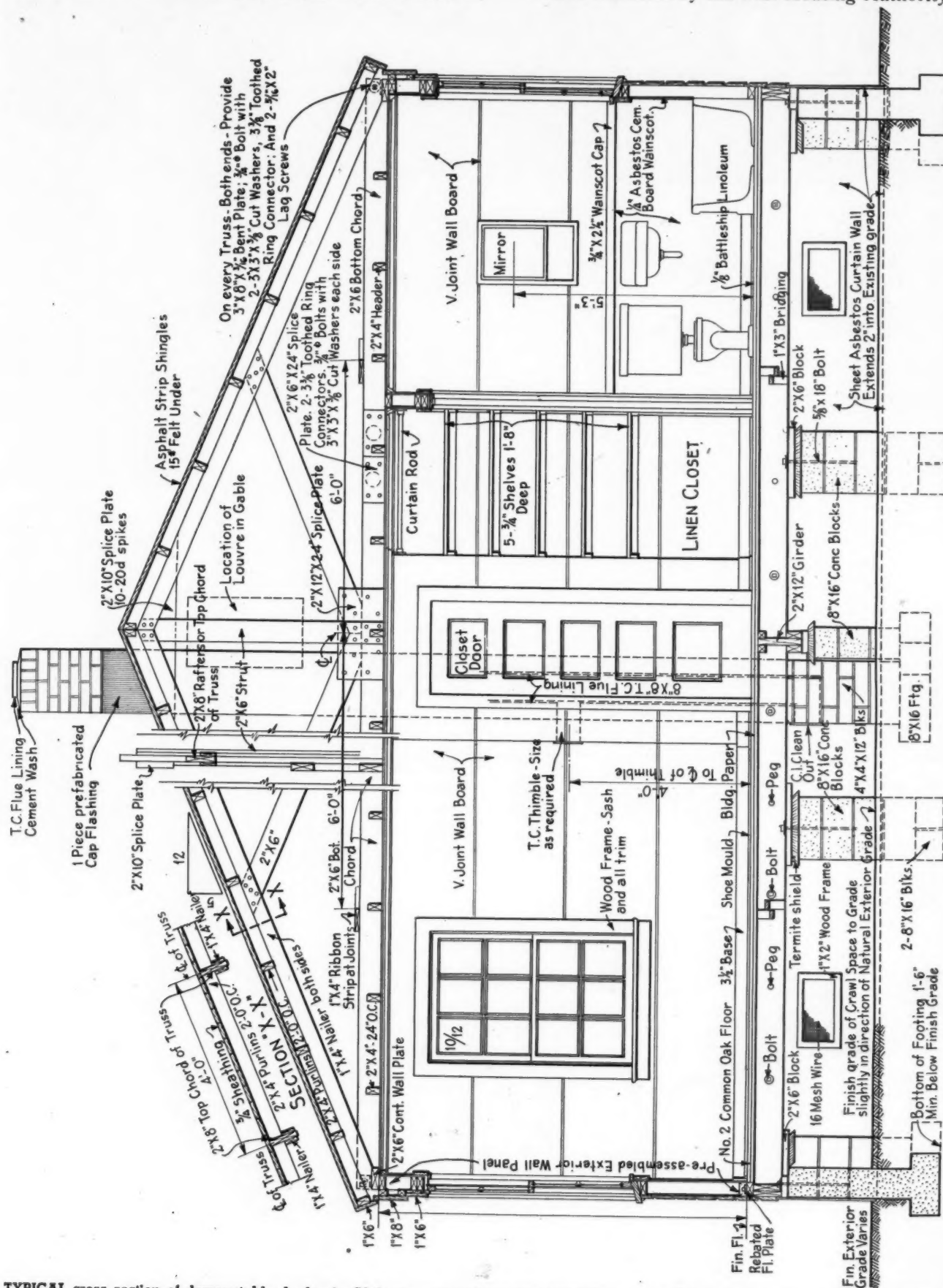
CONSTRUCTION VIEW showing units in various stages; panels are shown being erected; piers for other units seen in background.

included two 7½-HP and two 5-HP DeWalt saws, also a complete Skilsaw line of drill presses, joiners, edgers, nut runners, mortisers, routers and planers.

Field erection crews were divided into varying numbers of skilled and unskilled men, each crew's work be-

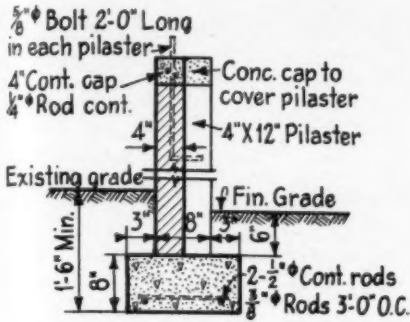
ing specialized as it moved from unit to unit. Pre-assembled panels were moved mostly by hand into place, but for the ceiling and roof units, where height was a consideration, light cranes on a truck were used.

It was estimated by the U.S. Housing Authority that



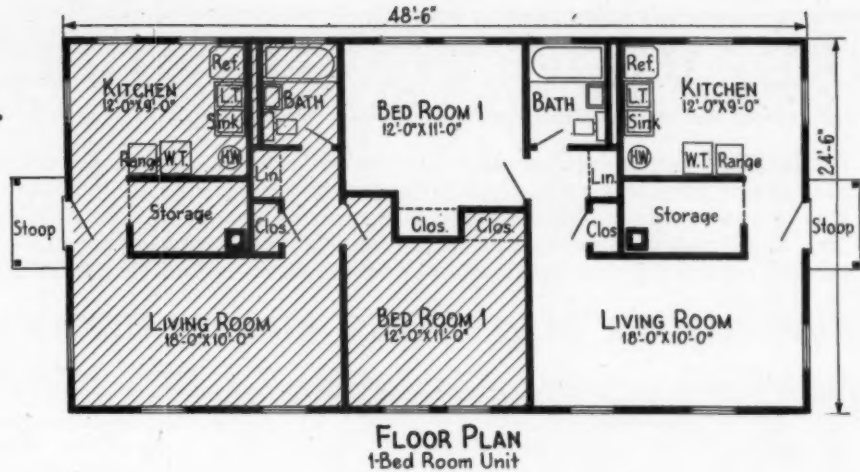
TYPICAL SECTION

TYPICAL cross section of demountable duplex in Alabama war project; note interesting use of timber connectors and asbestos curtain wall.



EXTERIOR CURTAIN WALL DETAIL

ABOVE: Pier and curtain wall detail as used in Childersburg, Ala., housing; right, floor plans of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units.



120 days would be required to build the houses, but they were actually built in 76 working days without overtime. Under the method used, one house was chosen as a "guinea pig," panels assembled in the shop and then erected in the field to see that everything fit including doors and windows and openings for plumbing, lighting, etc. This done the "go ahead" order was given and all the houses went from the bench to roof in 84 hours time. It was estimated that each duplex house required 134 skilled man-hours and 122 unskilled man-hours.

Plumbing lines were pre-assembled in approximately the same manner as the house panels including the copper water piping in one assembly and the cast iron soil pipe in another. This piping was not then finally in-

stalled until the side walls were up, so as not to interfere with the free movement of the erectors.

The houses are quite conventional in appearance, the essential difference as noted being in the technique of erection. Entrance to each apartment is at opposite ends of the duplex so that the two families do not come in direct contact with each other.

The houses are erected on concrete cinder blocks. Sheets of asbestos around these blocks form an attractive curtain wall (see detail above at left and on opposite page). The interior finish is of fibre board, this together with the foundations probably being the chief loss in case the houses are moved to another location. Roofing is of composition shingles.

Kitchen appliances supplied for the houses which rent for \$25 to \$30 per month include electric refrigerators and gas ranges and a 30-gallon automatic gas hot water heater. A butane gas system serves the project with fuel for cooking and water heating. The living room of each unit is equipped with a coal heater. Water is supplied from a deep well with electric pump.—George H. Watson.



TYPICAL flooring detail of shop-built demountable duplexes (half plans above and opposite) has sections of diagonally laid sub-floor; tongue and groove removed where sections join.

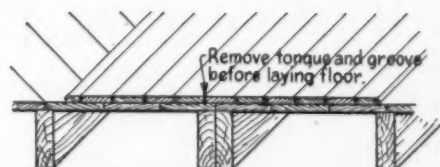


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AB884 United States Gypsum Co., Chicago, has issued a four-page pictorial progress report on its Remodel Research House—a project of nation-wide interest. This and other bulletins will inform the industry of practical ways of remodeling to get additional housing with a minimum of critical materials.

AB885 Special details on "How to Install Glass Block without Priority Materials" are covered in a 14-page booklet prepared by the Insulux Products Div., Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio. Photographs and numerous working drawings indicate how to conserve metal for the defense program through the use of Insulux glass block. This is a revision of the standard construction details.

AB886 A "Paint Priorities Primer" which answers the questions uppermost in the minds of dealers and others with regard to priorities business and the rules governing it has been published by Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc., New York City. This 24-page booklet explains in simple language what the various priority ratings are, and how to do your part in following them through.

AB887 Valentine & Co., 11 E. 36th St., New York City, has prepared a booklet, "Priorities Simplified for the Paint Dealer." In it, using a question and answer style, the dealer's point of view is clarified in relation to the various specific priority orders that concern the paint business.

AB888 Prefabrication and glue being closely associated subjects in these war days, Casein Co. of America, 350 Madison Ave., New York City, is offering a six-page folder on the subject, "Glued, Prefabricated Houses." Methods of application are described and illustrated; gluing specifications are given.

AB889 Gypsum Association, 211 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, in an attractive two-color booklet, entitled, "Gypsum Lath Approved by the Nation," gives up-to-date information on gypsum lath, and provides proof of its fire resistance, bond, bracing strength, crack resistance, permanence, speed of erection, and economy.

AB890 "How to Figure Defense Housing Insulation Requirements" has been published by the Architectural Service Department of The Celotex Corp., Chicago. The bulletin describes a quick, accurate method of determining whether proposed dwellings conform to War Production Board heat loss and heating plant standards. By using a chart, all the necessary calculations for proper insulation can be made within 10 or 15 minutes.

AB891 An introductory mailing piece, "Quick Summary of the Advantages of Marlite Plastic-Finish Wall-Panels for Wartime Construction," the first one of a campaign, has been prepared by Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio. The purpose of the campaign is to point out how this product is being used on all types of war building, with saving of critical materials.

AB892 The Portland Cement Assn., Chicago, has put out a new information folder, "Concrete Floors on Ground." It provides complete structural data for the use of concrete floors in many types of building.

AB893 A 68-page manual on "How to Select and Apply Asphalt Roofing Products" is being offered by the Texaco Company, New York City. Step-by-step, all the various roofing problems are



covered by generous use of drawings, tables, pictures and text. This new Texaco manual for convenience is divided into five sections, the first on general technical information, the next three on how to apply, select and specify asphalt shingles, roll roofing and built-up roofing; the last, a brief sales plan on "How Texaco Can Help You." The completeness of this guide makes it a valuable aid to builders, architects, designers, craftsmen and lumber dealers.

AB894 A Catalog, No. 41, full of important information on their line of building accessories, is available from Ankortite Products, Inc., 14th & Chestnut Sts., Kansas City, Mo. Metal building products, reinforced concrete accessories, nosings, edgings and thresholds, terrazzo strips and bars are illustrated, together with their proper application and specification.

AB895 Southern Pine Assn., New Orleans, La., is offering copies of a new 119-page textbook, "A Course in Modern Timber Engineering" by H. J. Hansen. The book contains a wealth of information on timber design—fastenings, columns, trusses, arches, etc.; in addition to sketches of many design problems, it presents a number of examples of actual design calculations.

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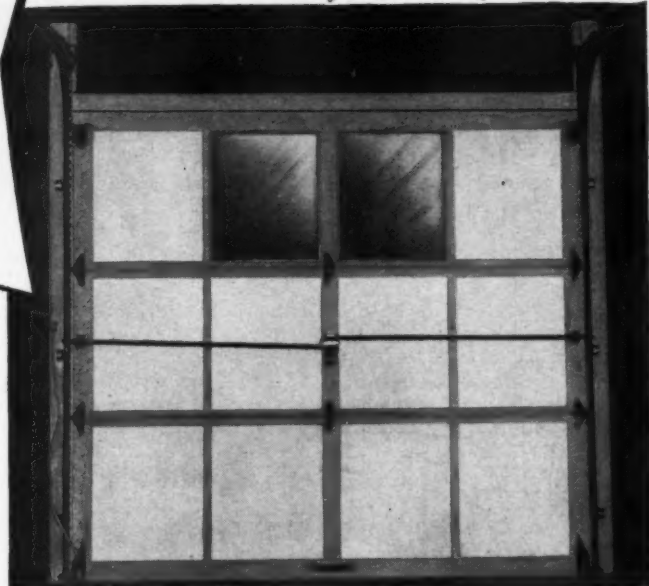
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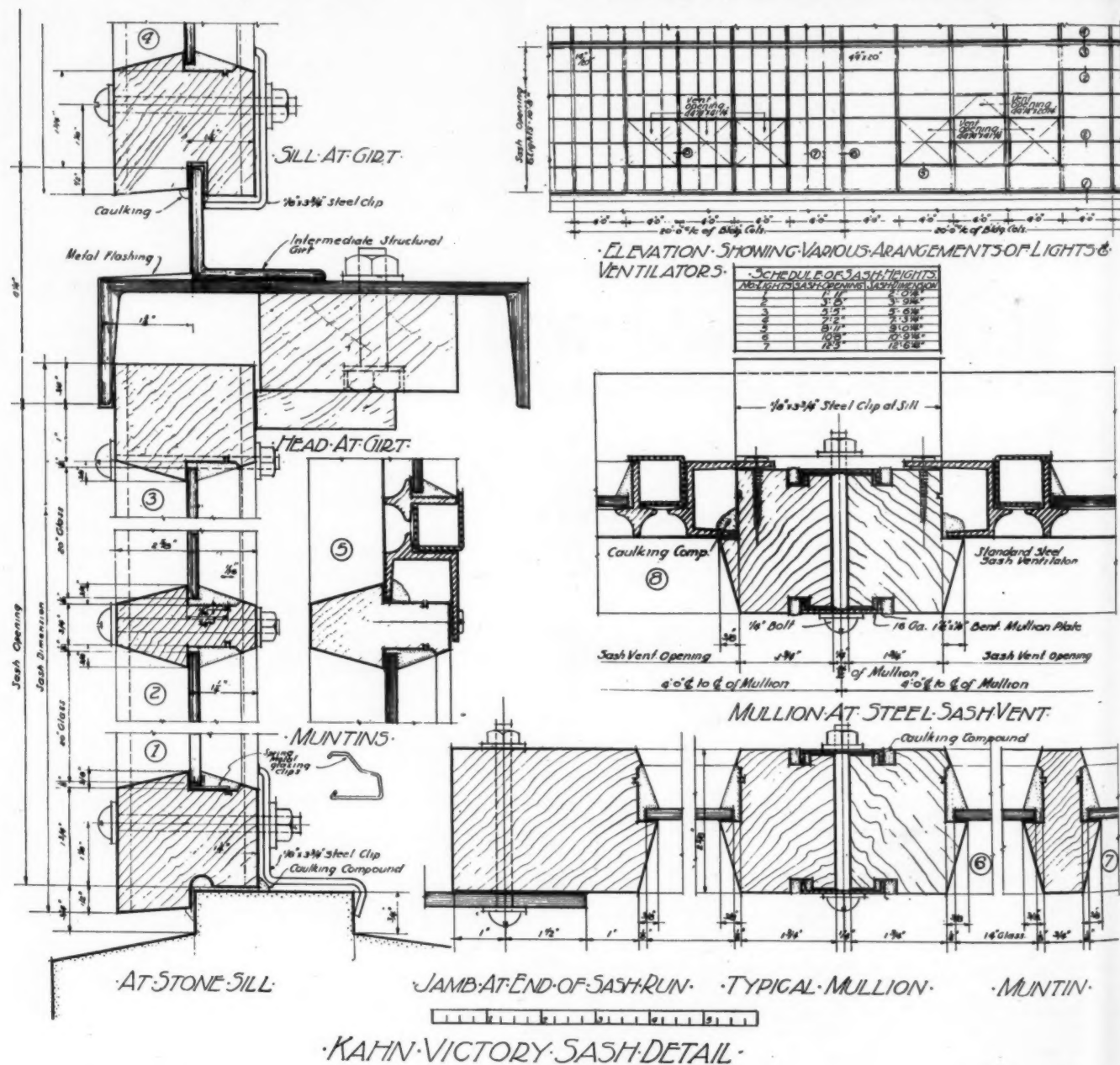
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In order that the new sash may be available to all architects, engineers and contractors engaged in designing and building war production plants, John Schurman, its designer, and the Albert Kahn organization of which he long has been a member, have waived all patent rights to the development. Blueprints describing the new sash in detail are available to the entire war production building industry, it was announced by Albert Kahn, head of the firm.

In creating this new sash, full advantage was taken of experience gained in the development of steel sash, with its simple frame and mullion construction and its simple, compact ventilators, all built up at the factory in standard units. The extreme heights possible in single units mean considerable saving in

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JOHN SCHURMAN, member of the Albert Kahn organization of Architects and Engineers and developer of "Victory Sash," the new steel-saving factory window, shows Albert Kahn (left) how sections are held together by a small metal strip, as illustrated in drawing.



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Emergency Needs for War-Work Dormitory Housing Outlined by Herbert Emmerich, Commissioner FPHA

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 14.—To provide homes for war workers the public war housing program must be stepped up to provide five times as many homes in a third the time as in any previous public housing effort, Commissioner Herbert Emmerich of the Federal Public Housing Authority declared in an address at the tenth annual meeting of the National Association of Housing Officials in Baltimore, Maryland, May 13.

This unprecedented schedule of construction is necessary, he said, to provide shelter and decent living conditions for the great army of migrating workers demanded by the war industries. These workers must be provided adequate housing if our army and navy and air forces are to be sustained and are to prevail.

"The gravity of our situation," Mr. Emmerich asserted, "is emphasized by three factors—the shortage of materials, the lack of transportation, and the lack of public recognition of the facilities and standards needed to preserve high production rates and faster schedules.

"The shortage of material for new construction is increasing monthly. To talk of priorities has become almost academic at a time when there are less nails being made than we need each month—and in a month when lumber of certain types cannot be had even at its source in the Pacific Northwest—when there is not enough copper for strictly military requirements, let alone essential civilian ones and when the demand for steel necessitated a general limitation order. The strain on our supply of basic materials in a program of this magnitude can hardly be visualized. It has to be felt—and we are feeling it now with a vengeance.

"The situation changes from week to week with such rapidity that it is difficult to keep up with," he continued. "It is so acute that suddenly, not by choice, but by compulsion, we are forced to reconsider our entire war housing policy. Because of material shortages, building must be prevented whenever possible. New methods of enlisting labor—men and women already in communities—must be found. New methods of using existing shelter and spare rooms and spare beds must be employed. Non-war workers may have to swap homes with war workers in war towns. Rents must be controlled. In the housing we cannot avoid building, severe economy must be practiced.

Housing Must Now Be Nearer the Job

"The transportation shortage is our second problem," Mr. Emmerich said. "It not only makes necessary a distortion of community planning and location of shelter for new workers but sharply accentuates the entire housing problem by making unavailable much existing shelter which had been located on the assumption that one could go to work on wheels.

"Our industrial communities have for years been predicated on rolling around on wheels from home to plant and back again," he added. "Suddenly the entire structure is threatened by a tire, gasoline and auto famine. Added to this, it is difficult to obtain rolling stock for buses, or trolley lines or railroad tracks.

"The third point concerns public attitudes needed to preserve high production rates," he declared. "Here we find dual forces at work which cancel each other and may be a more serious threat to war housing than either material shortages or the transportation famine. First is the attitude that we can get ideal and beautiful permanent homes everywhere out of the war housing program. We built some excellent projects in the days of defense housing. I hope we can do good war housing projects as well.

"But the odds are against us from now on to do many permanent family communities. Only in exceptional cases will we be able to build housing which has any prospect of being permanent. It will be made of the wrong material for permanence because of shortages, it will be in the wrong places for permanence because of lack of transportation, it will be for the wrong people for permanence because of the great migration to new plants manufacturing things which we shall not need to make forever. The job tenure and therefore the housing need, of the workers is far from certain in such communities.

"But even more serious than this housing-as-usual attitude," he continued, "is the wave of reaction which threatens all standards of decency, amenity and consideration for the health, welfare, and morale of the civilian population including the industrial army—

as much needed in accomplishing high production rates as these factors are needed for high military efficiency. The patriotic American workers who are straining overtime to accelerate production rates need decent and sanitary shelter, with opportunity for rest and relaxation and recreation and the necessary human amenities. We have today the best fed and housed army ever, with great care for health and recreation. Certainly our industrial army needs no lower a standard. Without decent, healthful shelter and facilities, simple though they are, there will be terrific labor turnover and production lags.

"These standards on which I believe the Federal Public Housing Authority should insist are simple to describe in non-technical terms. There will, of course, be dormitory communities for men and also for women, and war apartments for married couples without children when both are likely to work in nearby plants. These dormitories must provide for health with decent sanitary facilities, they must provide for privacy and quiet for the day shift and the night shift. Children have no place in these communities for they should have freedom in their play which would disturb the sleeping night workers. These communities need social rooms and cafeterias and medical services and space for reading, writing, and for recreation—indoors and outdoors. They need excellent and understanding management, for many men and women will be away from their homes and their own communities for a long period of time. They must have some neatness and orderliness in their appearance and surroundings and some means of enlisting the good will and participation of the occupants in their community problems.

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Albert Kahn Offers Wood Industrial Sash

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horizontal supporting members, allowing maximum light for the amount of material used.

Only two mullion supporting members, each measuring approximately 2 by 4 inches, are used. The great majority of the frame members common to wood sash are eliminated. The 2 by 4's, so-called, now directly hold the glass.

Each unit is built complete in the mill and shipped to the job where it is erected between head and sill. No other frames or sills are required. The wood sash is erected in the field. As the units are erected, the mullions are joined by a coverplate of light pressed metal with a small intervening space for expansion and contraction. Caulking compound furnishes complete weather-proofing. At the sills, the wood sash is secured by metal clips clamped only at the mullions with regular mullion bolts. Calking at these points provides the necessary weathering. The sill is so designed as to eliminate crevices in which dirt and moisture might accumulate.

Sash and muntins in the new sash are very simple in their design and relationship. Moulding cut-outs are eliminated. And thus the maximum wood section is maintained for maximum strength. The wood is beveled to provide a run-off for any moisture that may accumulate.

Glazing is done on the inside, rather than the outside, so that the weaker part of the wood section and the putty are protected from the weather. The glass is secured on the inside by means of standard spring glazing clips such as are used in steel sash. A raised lug is provided on the inside of the mullion and muntin, and this provides a "footing" for a definite thickness of putty. Next to the lug is a glazing clip groove which serves also as a putty anchor. Since putty tends to adhere more firmly to glass, there is far less chance, with this arrangement, for it to curl away from the wood surface.

This new sash has borrowed its ventilator from steel sash practice which, through years of development, has reached a high degree of perfection. The steel ventilator designed for use in wood sash is made complete with hinges, pivots, slides, push bar and chain pull. It can be adapted to gang, hand or motor operation. The amount of steel involved in the ventilator, by comparison with the amount of fixed wood sash in a given building, is small.

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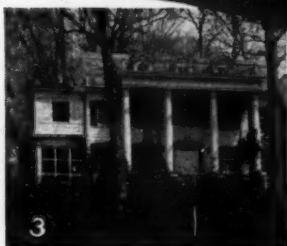
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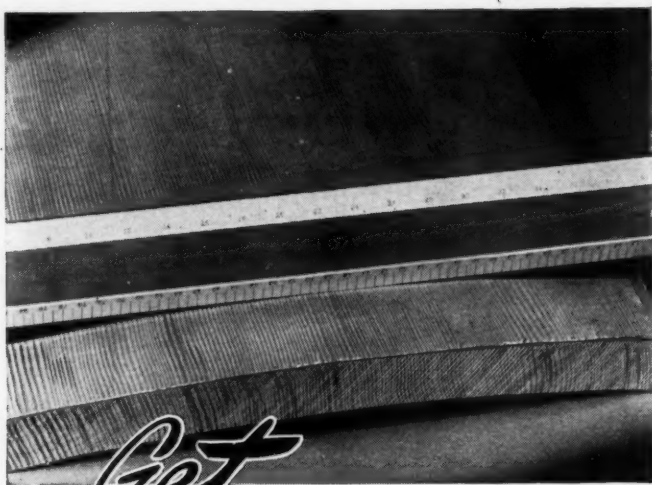
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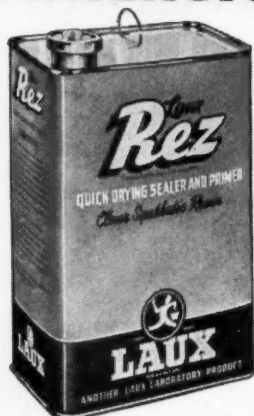


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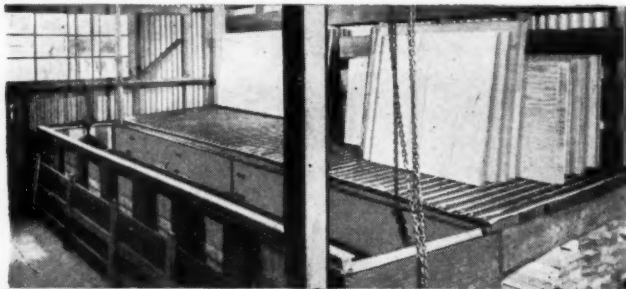
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News, Views and Comments
Washington Developments

by *Structor*

QUARTERBACK TACTICS—To keep in business today a
builder has to travel light and move fast. Construction regulations
from Washington follow each other with such rapidity it's im-
possible to know where one stands. *The most recent crisis has
been in utilities, with hundreds of builders unable to get water
brought into their jobs, or electric light service or gas. I know one
operator with 75 houses completed and no water in them. It's
not hard to tell how he feels.*

SMALL JOBS SAFEST—The utility situation adds up to the
fact that the big operations are having the most trouble because
they require new utilities. *The builder in a defense area who can
put up a few houses in communities where all the utilities are in,
and who makes sure that he has all of his materials on hand
before he starts, has eliminated some of the most serious risks.*

SMALL REMODELING—Small remodeling jobs, repairs
and farm building can keep a lot of builders in business; but this
kind of work has to be aggressively sought after. The average
amount spent by farmers in recent years has been pitifully low.
Some estimates say \$100 per farm. *Ten times that amount is
possible under the WPB ruling.*

TIRES AND GAS—Are builders engaged in constructing
war housing entitled to special attention on tires and gasoline
allotments? You'll have to talk that over with your local board,
but Section 504 (A) (2) of the revised tire rationing regulations
says that a passenger car used principally for the transportation
of persons rendering construction, structural or repair service, is
eligible for recapping of tires. If a builder is using his automobile
to provide construction that is necessary to the war effort he
should have a strong case with both the tire and gasoline rationing
boards.

BARRACKS—With material shortages becoming more and
more acute, it is rapidly becoming almost impossible to build any
kind of decent home, public or private. Almost every day the
War Production Board pares down the critical materials a little
more—and they have a good reason—there just isn't enough of
critical materials to go around. Copper is unbelievably scarce.
*There is talk that, where housing shortages are terrifically acute,
workers will have to live in temporary barracks. While that
seems drastic, it won't be any tougher on the war workers than
on our soldiers and sailors, who don't even have barracks. In the
long run, it may prove better for the building industry than to
rush a lot of flimsy, shoe-box structures through in a hurry now.*

AIR CONDITIONING OUT—One of the most recent war
casualties is air conditioning and commercial refrigeration. New
installations are banned except for war purposes and essential
civilian requirements. Installation of equipment for personal
comfort, such as theatres and restaurants, is out.

CONSTRUCTION BUREAU—William V. Kahler has
finally got the building sections of the War Production Board
pretty well consolidated in one Construction Bureau. He has
brought a good many capable men to Washington who know the
building industry. The job of the new construction branch is to:
(1) Aid construction necessary to the war; (2) recommend
priority ratings; (3) conserve essential materials; (4) administer
Order L-41 in control of private construction. The housing branch
under Sullivan Jones has been transferred to Mr. Kahler's division.

LONG WAIT—As this column is written a Congressional
conference committee is still struggling with H.R. 6927, the
sorely needed bill to liberalize FHA Title VI. The bill passed
both the Senate and the House after running a gauntlet of at-
tempted amendments by A.F.L. and others. It finally came through

little changed, but the delay in getting it passed has been extremely serious, if not fatal. *Thousands of builders have been awaiting the go-ahead signal on new war homes which would be given by the passage of this bill.* If it doesn't pass pretty soon, builders might as well pack up their kits and go home—or into the Army—until this little argument with Hitler and Hirohito is finished.

PUBLIC HOUSERS' PUBLICITY—The well meaning though often misled advocates of public housing have a flare for publicity that private builders ought to study. The public housers always make the headlines and usually have civic minded big names attached to anything they do. In contrast, anything private builders do is usually described as being the selfish, short-sighted activities of Jerry builders or "real estate interests."

Just recently an exhibit of "wartime housing" in New York City's Museum of Modern Art was widely publicized. It was sponsored by the National Committee on the Housing Emergency, Inc., of which Mrs. Dorothy Rosenman, wife of Judge Samuel Rosenman, is chairman. It is a most effective dramatization of the present need for war housing, *but in the whole display there is nothing to indicate that private builders are able to do the job. The emphasis is all on public housing.*

Ironically enough, however, figures on public housing are given in the display which reveal that only 109,000 units were contracted for by all the public agencies between November 1, 1940 and April 10, 1942. During those same 18 months the private builders of the country erected approximately 615,000 units, or almost six to one. We will lay a bet too, that the privately built homes were far more livable and attractive than the public jobs.

FIRST THREE MONTHS—During the first three months of 1942 contracts were let for 19,812 housing units by public agencies, using public funds. The total contract value as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics was \$67,873,600, or \$3,420 a unit.

During this same three-months period, private builders of the country started 61,053 houses valued at \$210,599,300. Of these the average value of the privately built house was \$3,440, or only \$20 more than the publicly built. Figures are exclusive of land.

Anyone who has seen the little shoe-box cubicles that the public agencies have been building will marvel that they cost as much as the average privately financed house built under strict FHA regulations and according to all local building codes and ordinances, and, also for the most part built well enough to be purchased by an individual ready to use his life savings for it.

In other words, private builders built four times as many war houses without any government subsidy in the first three months of this year as did the public agencies. Private builders have demonstrated that they can provide needed housing if the government will permit them to go ahead.

FARMERS' PROBLEM—The farmers I have talked to complain bitterly about high wages and labor scarcity. They blame the unions and the government. One farmer said that all of his men are now working at fabulous wages on a nearby construction job, although none of them had ever been able to qualify as a skilled worker before.

Near Klamath Falls, Ore., construction workers were earning as high as \$198 a week; even common laborers were getting \$92.

Of course, the unions have done a good job for themselves by establishing such high

rates and by seeing that the "prevailing wage" is paid on all government jobs. But they have made it pretty tough on farmers and private builders.

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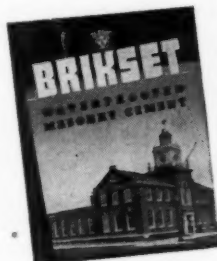
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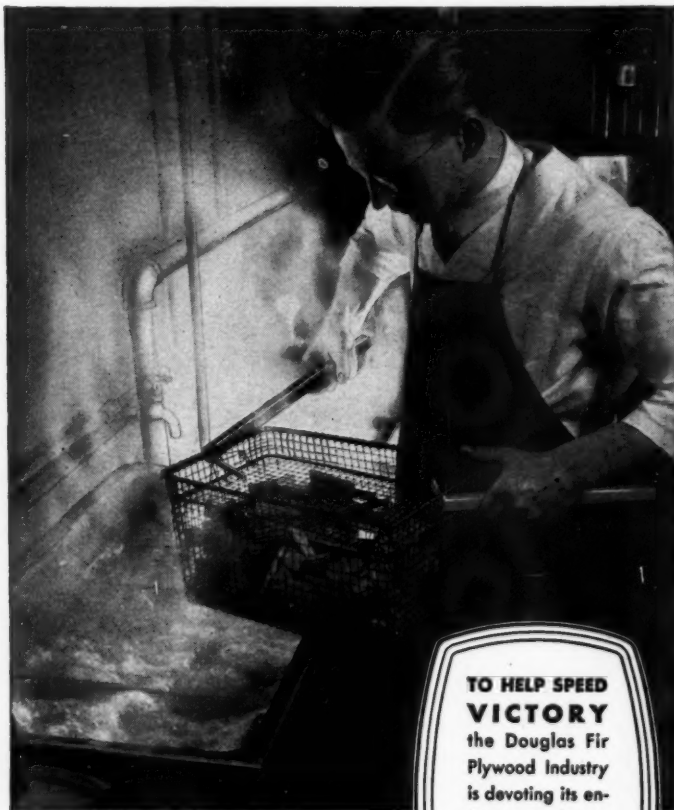
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NEWS of the MONTH

Current Building Figures

TOTAL new construction in the first quarter of 1942 was \$2.6 billion. The decline of 16 per cent from the last 3 months of 1941 is substantially accounted for by the severe drop in private construction and by the curtailment in the public nonwar program, but is due in part to winter weather conditions.

A drop of \$40 million in farm construction is explained by the ordinary seasonal decline occurring in the winter months. The volume of residential building was about one-third lower in the first quarter of 1942, but this can be only partially accounted for by seasonal influences.

Public construction during the January-March period of this year was slightly below the level of 1941. The decline in highway construction was largely seasonal, but the remaining non-war items began to show the effect of governmental curtailment of construction not related to the war effort.

Military and naval construction fell somewhat, compared with the previous quarter's total. This again, was partly attributable to weather conditions. By the end of the quarter, however, activity in this field has begun to reflect the huge program inaugurated after the outbreak of war. The construction of public industrial facilities increased more than one-fourth, and in March reached an annual rate of \$2.4 billion.

The Commerce Department's estimates of construction in the first quarter of this year indicate the extent to which the industry is already mobilized for war. Nearly one-quarter of the total in the first 3 months of this year was on cantonments, aeronautic facilities, shipyards, and other direct military projects. Another quarter was devoted to the expansion of public and private plants for war production purposes.

It is estimated that construction expenditures in the last three quarters of 1942 will be moderately greater than in the corresponding period of 1941. This means that, during the last three quarters of the year, construction will average \$500 million a quarter higher than in the first 3 months of 1942. Although certain types of private and public nonwar construction will be sharply curtailed, there will be a more than offsetting increase in the segment directly related to the war effort.

Total private construction during 1942 will be approximately two-thirds of that reached last year. The contraction, however, will not be uniform, since its heaviest effects will be on commercial, industrial, and various types of private institutional buildings. It is estimated that expenditures for these types of construction will be only about two-fifths of the volume reached last year. The decline in private residential building will run about parallel to the general decline in private construction. During the last 6 months of 1942, residential construction will be only about half the amount reached in the like period last year.

NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, BY QUARTERS
(In millions of dollars)

Item	1941				1942	
	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	First quarter	Estimate for rest of year
Total new construction	2,303	2,841	3,270	3,142	2,637	9,390
Total private	1,053	1,404	1,669	1,346	891	2,729
Residential building ¹ (nonfarm)	503	696	815	661	450	1,250
Nonresidential building	327	318	327	334	190	379
Commercial	85	105	113	85	54	119
Industrial	188	156	146	188	95	299
All other	54	57	63	61	41	60
Farm	72	215	322	187	65	600
Dwellings	32	95	142	47	28	240
Service	40	120	180	60	37	360
Public utility	151	175	205	244	186	580
Total public	1,250	1,237	1,601	1,796	1,746	6,660
Residential building	75	118	158	128	104	600
Nonresidential building	237	400	492	542	662	1,940
Industrial	185	335	423	476	608	1,840
All other	72	64	69	66	54	160
Military and naval	580	318	491	670	600	2,400
Highway	208	242	289	274	228	425
Other public works	150	150	171	182	152	395

¹Figures for 1941 prepared in the Bureau of Labor Statistics; estimate for first quarter of 1942 preliminary.

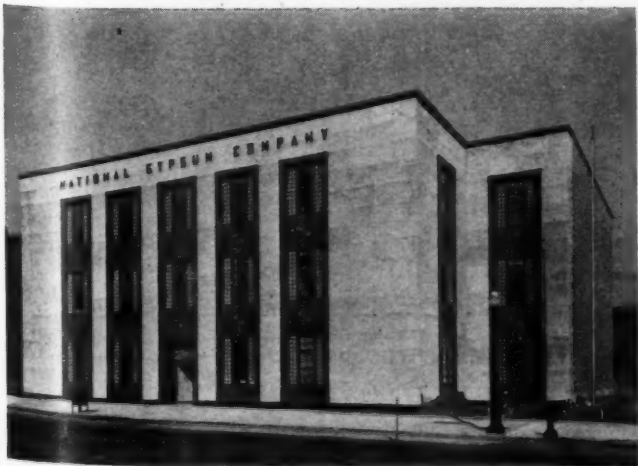
The decline in utility and farm construction is not likely to be great. A substantial volume of railroad, electric-power, and other utility construction will be necessary to meet war and essential civilian requirements. A large part of farm construction is either essential or of the sort which will not be affected by the conservation order.

Contrasted with these declines, total military construction, public industrial construction, and public war housing are expected to reach a volume about 85 per cent greater than last year. Military construction during the last half of this year will more than double the rate reached in the first 3 months of 1942. Construction of public production facilities, which increased fivefold from January 1941 to March 1942, will continue slightly above the level reached in the first quarter of the year. The volume of public war housing during 1942 is expected to be more than double that of last year.

New Home for National Gypsum Co.

NATIONAL Gypsum Company's new office headquarters building, Buffalo, N.Y., occupied April 25th, is a three-story structure of modern design, completely air-, sound- and light-conditioned, constructed to a great extent with materials from National's line of 150 related wall and ceiling products. Facade is buff limestone, with dark red granite trimmings, glass blocks and bronze ornamentation. Architects are Backus, Crane and Love; general contractors, George W. Walker, Inc., and decorator, John W. Ullmann, Jr., all Buffalo firms.

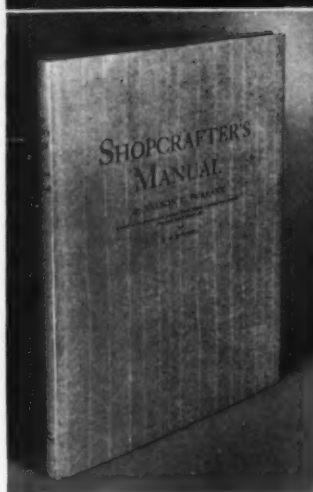
Below is also illustrated the main floor lobby, showing display room at right. Map hung at entrance to display room is done in wood marquetry, shows locations of National's 21 producing plants, and serves partially to screen display room from lobby. Reception desk is at left, with stairs leading to second floor; main entrance is at right. Gold Bond Acoustex used for ceiling quiets the hubbub common to busy office lobbies. There is a terrazzo floor. Air conditioning vents can be seen in ceiling.



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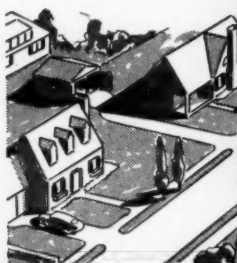
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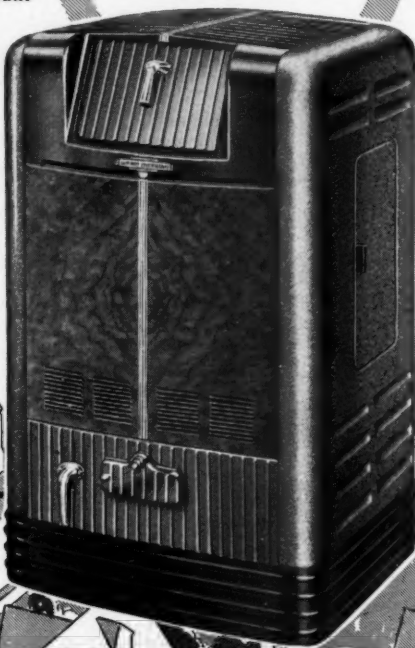
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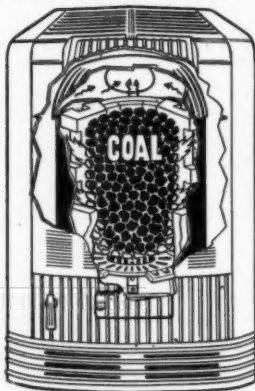
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New Insulite Offices in Minneapolis

MINNESOTA and Ontario Paper Company (Insulite) now is located in new headquarters on the fifth floor of Baker Arcade, 733 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis. The change was made in keeping with steady progress and expansion of M. and O., which had occupied its previous location for 19 years. The new air-conditioned, sound-quieted general office, occupying 16,000 square feet, is arranged on a single floor to assure a maximum of efficiency and comfort for the 150 employees of the Minneapolis office. The office also provided engineers with opportunity to utilize the company's Insulite products in designing the new setup.

An outstanding feature is the reception room with its beautiful photo murals mounted directly upon Insulite depicting the story of paper and Insulite making. Ceilings are of Acoustilite, a low density, high light reflection product.



RECEPTION room murals dramatize paper making.

Certain-teed Welcomed to Chicago

ON APRIL 23 the Board of Directors of the Certain-teed Products Corp. gave a welcoming dinner at the Chicago Athletic Association to the company's officers and staff transferred from New York and to their many friends among Chicago business leaders. The executive officers of the corporation are now at 120 So. La Salle St., Chicago.



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT are some of the distinguished guests seated at the speakers' table at the recent dinner held to welcome Certain-teed executives to Chicago: Martin Kennelly, President, Chicago Athletic Association; Ralph Budd, president, Burlington Railroad; General Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the Board of Directors, City National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago; Harold Van Orman toastmaster; Bror Dahlberg, chairman of the Board of Directors, Certain-teed Products Corporation; Henry J. Hartley, president, Certain-teed Products Corporation.

Hamaker Advanced

THE APPOINTMENT of L. S. Hamaker as assistant general manager of sales of Republic Steel Corporation has been announced by N. J. Clarke, vice president in charge of sales.



L. S. HAMAKER

Mr. Hamaker will transfer his headquarters to Cleveland immediately from the Berger Manufacturing Division of Republic at Canton, Ohio, where he has been general manager since 1934.

In 1925, Mr. Hamaker became advertising manager of United Alloy Steel Corporation, Canton, with which the Berger Manufacturing Company had been merged shortly before. Subsequently, he became advertising manager of Central Alloy Steel Corporation, Massillon, Ohio, when United Alloy was merged with it. Republic Steel Corporation acquired Central Alloy Steel in 1930, and in 1931 trans-

ferred Mr. Hamaker to Youngstown as sales promotion and advertising manager.

When the Berger organization was set up as a division of Republic Steel Corporation in 1934, Mr. Hamaker was made general manager and has served in that capacity since. His new duties will involve both the sales of Republic fabricating divisions and the general line of steel products.

M-H Publication Features Priorities

THE CURRENT issue of "Temperature Times," publication of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company, Minneapolis, for the Automatic Heating Industry, features priorities, with an insert showing the origin of priority business as it flows to jobbers, wholesalers, dealers and manufacturers.

Unusual numbers of requests for additional copies are being received, indicating it has made a "hit" with the trade. Additional copies are available on request.

Stan. Hall Joins Fox

HARRY V. FOX, president of Protection Products Manufacturing Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan, announces the appointment of Stanley O. Hall as sales manager of the company. In his announcement Mr. Fox stated, "Mr. Hall's long experience in and wide acquaintanceship with the millwork industry and its problems fit him ideally for our organization. Our products,



HARRY V. FOX



STAN. O. HALL

Woodlife and Woodyouth, are well and favorably known throughout the lumber and millwork industries and we recognize that the future of wood is inseparably tied to its protection against the ravages of moisture and fungi. Therefore we are naturally pleased to welcome to our organization the man who has been the leader in the vast strides which the millwork industry has made in the preservation of its products. As secretary of the National Door Manufacturers Association he originated and conducted the N.D.M.A. Preservative Minimum Standards Program which is now universally recognized by specifiers and users of quality millwork."

Mr. Hall has taken up his duties in Kalamazoo, having recently returned from temporary service in Washington with the War Production Board. "While I am now identified with the preservative industry," stated Mr. Hall, "I do not feel that I have left the millwork industry, at whose council tables I have served the past eighteen years. Lumber and millwork merchandising will increasingly be allied with preservation and I look forward confidently to a bright future for preservation treated wood products."



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Levitt & Sons Set New Standards

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carpenter crews move onto a job they are not impeded by masonry work and can go ahead full speed.

The Levitts have brought along their experienced workmen from Long Island who are organized in small crews operating on a contract basis. The average skilled workman makes between \$70 and \$80 a week, rain or shine.

A striking practice employed by one of the carpenter crews is to build completely the exterior wall of a house before erecting it. Sills and plates are measured on the job, then laid in position on an improvised platform (see front cover photo). Studs are then laid in place, window and door frames installed and the complete wall sections nailed together and covered with the exterior siding. It is then erected in one piece. This system is used by only one crew, and so far it is not yet possible to tell whether any appreciable savings were made over the usual method.

Another striking feature of the construction procedure is that partitions are not installed until interior finish has been applied to the ceiling and to the exterior walls. Under the Levitt system the ceilings are supported from the roof rafters, leaving the interior of the house as one large room. Workmen are thus able to apply the gypsum board ceiling rapidly without fitting around partitions. They also install the plywood finish on the exterior walls at this time. When the interior partitions are erected they are wedged firmly into place, but are not actually required to support the ceiling.

Practically all of the lumber is cut in the shop, on power saws. The Fenestra steel casements come to the job complete with frames and both interior and exterior trim, already painted. They are thus installed in a minimum amount of time. The Levitt construction system is well organized and highly efficient and is based on the operation of numerous small crews, each headed by a foreman who is, in effect, a subcontractor. Each crew becomes a specialist in a standardized building operation, and there is a profit incentive for them to produce as many units per day as possible.

The Levitts own a railroad siding to facilitate the wartime handling and delivery of material. They have built an elaborate commissary to feed their workmen and are housing a large number of them in some of the first houses built. The job is operating under an A-2 priority, and practically all the materials are on hand. The huge stock piles of materials required for 750 houses are impressive, and include 4 million feet of lumber. A large building now serving as an administration office and storage center will later be turned into a shopping center to serve the new community of 3,000 persons. Leasing of stores and shops for this building is already well under way.

The Oakdale homes will be 90 per cent rented to Naval officers and an arrangement has been made with the office of Admiral Simons, the Norfolk Naval Commandant, for the placing of Navy personnel. More than 200 applications were on file for the first 14 houses to be made available. Rents are \$40 for the two-bedroom models and \$44 for the three-bedroom. The approximate cost is indicated by the size of the 90% Title VI FHA mortgages, which were \$3,650 and \$3,950 respectively.

In its organization and operation the Oakdale job is one of tremendous proportion. It calls for constant and unceasing effort on the part of both William and Alfred Levitt and their assistants, and is full of headaches, as they point out. But when you penetrate beneath the

noise and the confusion, you find that actually these men are enjoying doing a difficult job that they feel is performing a needed and worthwhile war service.

When I asked Bill Levitt how it compares with building high-priced houses, he said without hesitation, "There is no comparison because it's so much more interesting. It is fascinating and interesting—it is a *production* job not to be compared with the building of large homes.

"For all the headaches," he added, "we enjoy it because we believe we are contributing something important to the war effort."

Included in the builder's specifications of materials and equipment used are the following:

Specification Features

FINISH FLOORING—E. L. Bruce Streamline factory-finished oak.

INTERIOR WALLS—Douglas fir plywood, U. S. Plywood Co., with A. C. Horn Co. natural wood finish.

INTERIOR CEILINGS—Kelly Cork-Gypsum wall-board—Newark Plaster Co.

EXTERIOR SHEATHING—U. S. Gypsum Co. Gyp-lap.

INSULATION—2" American mineral wool blanket in attic flooring.

KITCHEN CABINETS—General Electric steel cabinets.

REFRIGERATOR—General Electric 6 cu. ft. model.

RANGE—J. B. Slattery insulated range with Robertshaw controls.

SINK—Hostess model duplex combination laundry tray and sink by American Radiator-Standard Sanitary.

PLUMBING FIXTURES—American Radiator-Standard Sanitary.

FIREPLACE—Bennett steel recirculating fireplace unit with coal-burning grates.

HEATING—International oil burning floor furnaces, 50,000 B.t.u. capacity. 110-gal. tank.

AREA WALLS—Lux-Right area walls by St. Paul Corrugating Co.

WATER HEATERS—Rheem Blue Bonnett 30-gal. gas automatic, insulated water heater.

WINDOWS—Fenestra steel casements complete with wood frames and trim, Detroit Steel Products Co.

LIGHTING FIXTURES—Wooden frame enclosing luminous cellulose acetate by Monsanto Chemical Co. Porcelain enamel fixtures throughout.

WALL LINOLEUM—Bird & Son Armorwall—a waterproof felt-base wall covering with glossy, baked enamel surface.

WIRING—General Electric wiring, switches, outlets.

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Job Signs for Authorized Construction

PLACARDS showing that approval has been granted by the War Production Board are being sent to builders of authorized projects to be displayed conspicuously on the premises during construction. Printed in blue on a white background, the placard carries the initials WPB on which are superimposed the words:

Authorized Construction
War Production Board

There is space on the placard for a serial number, identifying the individual project, which will be given the project by the War Production Board. The placard may be used only for the particular project for which it is issued and should be destroyed when the project is completed.

Only the War Production Board issues the placards. Applications for authorization to start construction under provisions of Conservation Order L-41 are recommended by several agencies, but final approval is granted only by the WPB.

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November 7, 1941

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I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my high regard for your Streamline Flooring, which I used on my 400 units USHA Aided Defense Housing Project in Corpus Christi, Texas.

This job, which ran in excess of one million dollars, had a specified contract completion date of eighty-eight calendar days. I feel that perhaps the largest factor enabling me to complete this work on time was the Prefinished Streamline Flooring. I found that it installed rapidly and dispensed with the costly and slow operation of machine sanding on the job and the three coat finish work that was specified.

The Housing Authority is well pleased with the results and I was well pleased with your splendid service in shipping the cars to me exactly according to our pre-arranged shipping schedule.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

C. L. Browning, Jr.

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Note how Mr. Browning's letter emphasizes that Streamline Flooring enabled him to complete the work on time . . . how it did away with "costly, slow machine sanding on the job, and the three-coat finish specified." Note, too, how he emphasizes the "splendid service in shipping according to schedule." His letter is typical of many received from architects and contractors all over the country. No wonder they consider Bruce Streamline Flooring ideal for war housing. It's the greatest improvement ever made in hardwood flooring!

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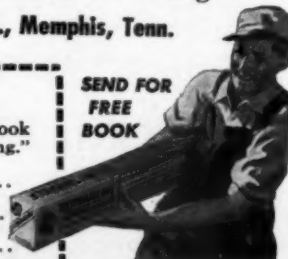
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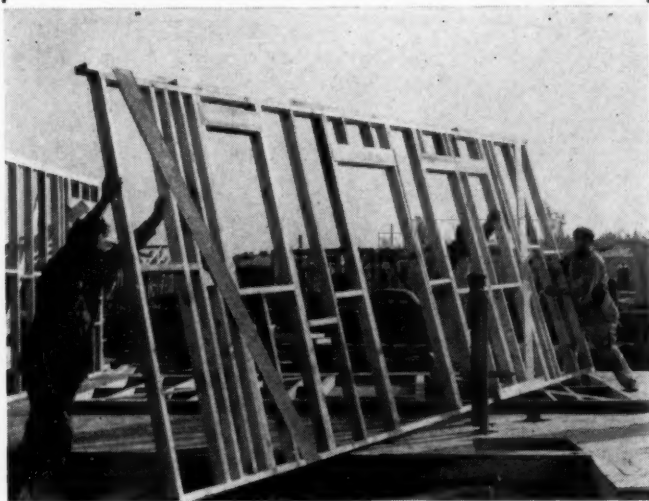
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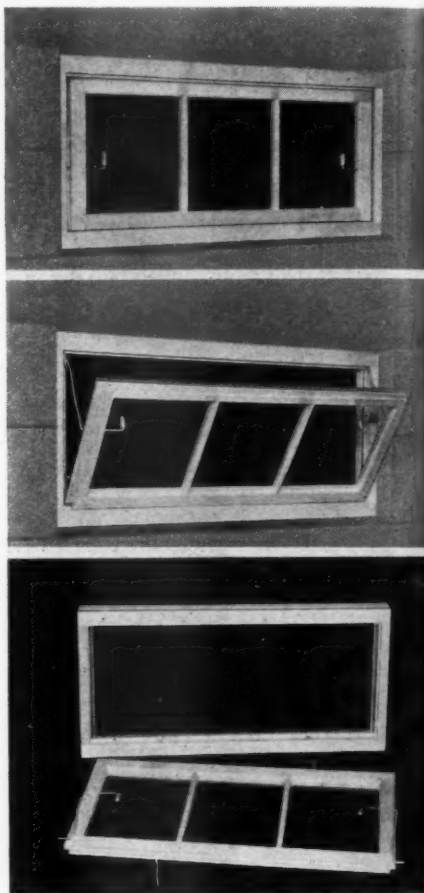
TRENDS in Home Equip- ment, Building Materials

New Idea in Basement Window

A NEW, low-cost, yet stronger wood basement window is announced by Carr, Adams & Collier Co., Dubuque, Iowa, manufacturers of the well known Bilt-Well Woodwork. It is designed to require the minimum of critical defense materials, to be low in cost and functionally equal to or better than other units. These important objectives were attained by designing a wood frame with less weight and bulk yet with as much as two to four times the strength of the standard wood frame, where strength is needed. It is made of clear W. P. pine, in one popular size, 2'-8 1/8" x 1'-3 1/8" overall, which conforms with the mason's practice and standard cement blocks.

Pre-fitted glazed sash are installed at the factory. All wood parts are chemically treated. Especially important at this time is the fact that no hardware is necessary except two pieces of steel rod furnished, which replace both hinges and lock. This unique hinging device permits the sash to be swung in from either the top or bottom and retains the sash in either open position. The sash can be easily removed completely from the frame for painting or reglazing.

NEW Bilt-Well basement window needs no hardware.



Insulux Asphalt Emulsion Offered

COMPLETING its line of auxiliary materials used in the construction of glass block panels, the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo, has introduced a new product called Insulux Asphalt Emulsion. This is especially prepared to be used with Insulux GlassBlock. Heretofore, it has been difficult to obtain asphalt emulsion with the proper consistency for use with glass block, particularly in small communities and in the small quantities which are generally used on the average glass block job.



In glass block construction a heavy coat of asphalt emulsion, 1/32" thick, is painted on the sill on which the glass block are to be laid before the first mortar joint is spread. The asphalt emulsion is used on all sills regardless of the type, such as stone, concrete, brick, steel or wood. The purpose of the asphalt is to form a resilient coating which will break the bond between the mortar joint and the sill, thus permitting the panel to creep slightly as it expands and contracts due to temperature changes. Glass Block are not load bearing and are installed in the structure of the building with expansion joints at both jambs and head. These expansion joints permit the glass panel to come and go with thermal changes in the atmosphere and the surrounding materials and also provide space for building movement such as settlement or deflection without causing loads to be brought on the glass.

The Insulux Asphalt Emulsion which has been prepared for this purpose is a heavy bodied asphalt dispersed in a water medium to give it a smooth plastic consistence that is easily trowelled. When dried by evaporation, it forms a flexible rubber-like film which acts as a bond-breaker. This new emulsion has been given complete tests to assure its efficiency in providing the resilient coating described above, and also for protection against water penetration at the sill, due to cracks which might occur here if the asphalt emulsion were not used. The emulsion will not stain stone sills or other frame-work. The new product is available in 5 gals., 1 gal. and 1 quart size cans.

Curtis Introduces New Low-Cost Woodwork for Defense Houses

CURTIS Companies Incorporated, Clinton, Iowa, announced recently the addition to their line of a full selection of new architect-designed stock woodwork for low cost homes. "New

Woodwork In Tune With the Times" is the title on the cover of a very attractive portfolio showing the new line. The designs include entrance frames, mantels, and china cases—all beautiful in design, well made, and low in cost.

"We feel," stated a Curtis official, "that it is both possible and practical to put good design, beauty, and sound construction into the woodwork for these small homes going up everywhere in defense areas. The trend



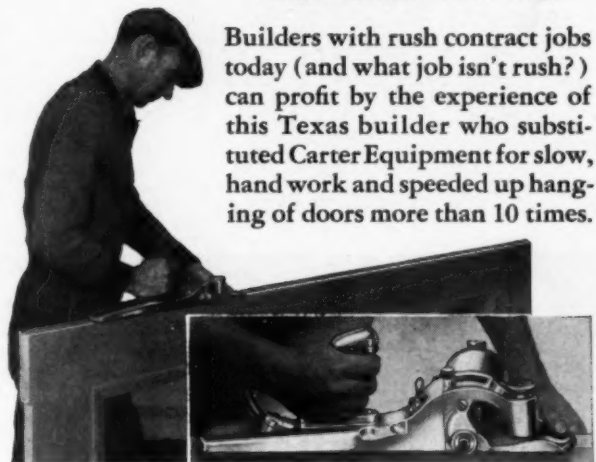
CURTIS entrance C-1765 was designed by Cameron Clark, architect, New York City.

for quite a while has been toward the small home. We retained the services of outstanding architects to design for us, for mass production, beautiful little doorways that will grace any home, china cases, and mantels that will add a touch of beauty and comfort to the small houses as well as serve practical purposes.

"In the consideration of design and detail, every thought has been given to economy without sacrificing beauty. We feel that in these small homes are people who are just as much interested in good things today as they ever were. The war has not changed our appreciation for good design in our houses, no matter what the size or cost."

The new Curtis entrances are very good looking and are quite suitable for small homes. There are several styles so one house need not look just like another. The china cases fit low ceiling rooms and small rooms, but each one is stylish and beautiful in detail. The same is true of the new Curtis mantle line.

Texas builder hangs 114 DOORS a day instead of 10



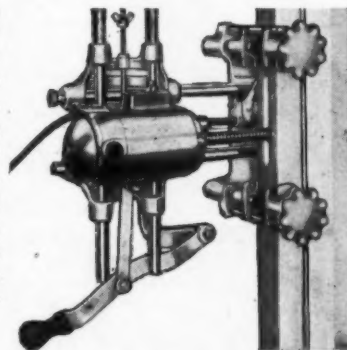
Builders with rush contract jobs today (and what job isn't rush?) can profit by the experience of this Texas builder who substituted Carter Equipment for slow, hand work and speeded up hanging of doors more than 10 times.

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CARTER TIME- SAVING TOOLS

Monarch Uni-Point Radial Saw Developed

THE AMERICAN Saw Mill Machinery Co., Hackettstown, N. J., has just announced the new Monarch Radial Saw—"The Streamliner"—a modern development in the engineering of wood-working machines. This machine was designed to meet the national trend for the utmost speed and efficiency in production.

Possessing exceptional beauty of design, with a streamlined arm, guard, and cabinet base, this machine incorporates the famous "Unipoint" principle, permitting the operator to make instant setting for any cross-cut angle, with the saw blade always cutting into the work at the same point in the table. This unique feature enables the operator, with snap-speed accuracy, to set the machine for any cut without raising or lowering the saw or making any other complicated adjustments.

In addition, the machine has a number of new mechanical features which further simplify the operation. The capacity of crosscutting has been considerably increased on all standard mod-

els, to take care of the widest panel-board. Thirty-two roller bearings in the ram housing assure "light-pressure" precision travel of the saw, easy operation, and reduction of wear to a minimum. A spring bumper on the ram housing cushions the backstroke and assists in starting the forward motion of the saw. The adjustable crank-feed bar, which mechanically controls the saw travel for heavy dado work and other difficult cuts, is another unique feature. The feed bar can be locked in any location, so as to place the operating crank in the most convenient position, or it can be pushed back out of the way, when not in use.

The safety features of the new machine are of the utmost importance. All adjustment and locking levers are in front of the machine and below the table, in the "safety zone." When making adjustments, it is never necessary for the operator to reach over the machine, which might result in catching his clothing on the saw, etc. It is not necessary to raise or lower the saw when adjusting for any horizontal, vertical, or compound cross-cut angle. Furthermore, the machine is provided with an adjustable

guard, having an effective anti-kick-back device. The guard can be brought down close to the work, for ripping, cross cutting, or performing other operations such as dadoing. Another important safety feature is the telescoping ram which returns the saw behind the fence, leaving the table free and

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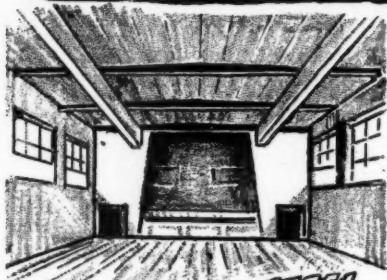
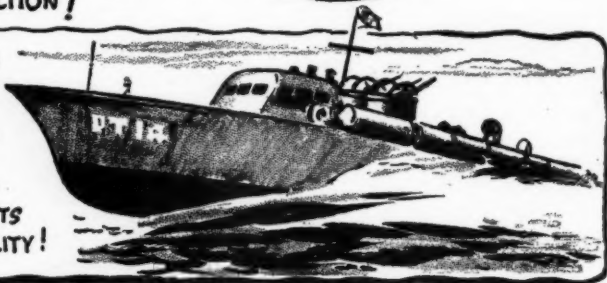
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New Fiberglas Board for Cold Storage Insulation

PRODUCTION by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo, of its new AE (asphalt enclosed) Board for low-temperature and roof insulation marks a development of unusual importance for cold storage refrigeration. It is made of glass fibers, compressed to a density of six pounds to the cubic foot, and completely enclosed in a sheath of asphalt that has a high melting point. Its heat conductivity is 0.265 BTU per square foot per hour, per degree Fahrenheit, per inch thickness, at a



APPLYING Fiberglas AE Board for cold storage wall.

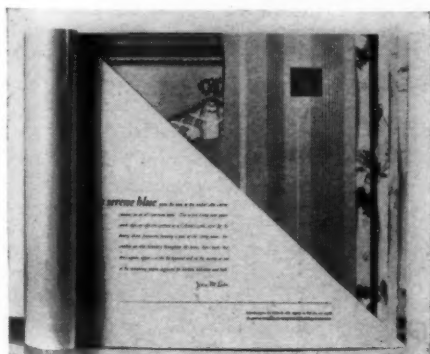
mean temperature of 60 degrees, Fahrenheit. This is one of the best values of all recognized cold storage insulations.

Fiberglas AE Board is made in the "American Standard" size for refrigeration insulation—that is, 12 inches by 36 inches—and in thickness of one, one and a half and two inches. Blocks are formed with true square edges and corners, and the asphalt coating is thoroughly sanded to prevent adhesion of the blocks to one another during shipment or while in storage.

The asphalt coating provides a substantially waterproof seal completely around the Fiberglas insulation. It also increases the stiffness and rigidity of the insulation so that the blocks can be used for the erection of self-supporting partitions, or as load-bearing insulation to carry floors in refrigerated spaces. They can also be used as a promenade surface on flat roof decks.

No Restrictions on Wallpapers

AMPLE PROOF that restrictions in the types of homes that may be built need not restrict imagination or quality of wall treatments is seen in a new sample book just issued by

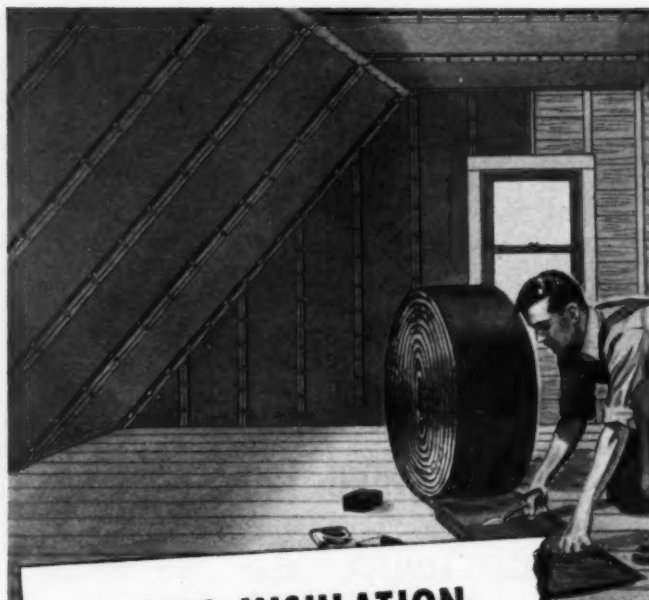


WALLPAPER sample book.

the makers of Imperial Washable Wallpapers, Imperial Paper & Color Corp., Glens Falls, N. Y. The book contains samples of 106 papers, all priced within the budget limitations that apply so widely today and all carrying the manufacturer's usual 3 year guarantee of washability and light resistance.

Of great help is the way in which the papers have been selected and arranged by Jean McLain, Imperial's decorating authority. Eighteen complete decorating schemes, consisting mostly of six papers, have been developed. Each takes a common sense approach to the problem, using the types of colors and designs which are in growing favor. The vogue for ensembling wallpapers for room-to-room harmony is taken into full consideration with papers of individuality in design and continuity of color.

The practical makeup of the book, which includes suitable text covering each scheme, makes it easy to visualize the increased attractiveness and salability that can be added by employment of these preselected schemes. This new sample book is now available in the showrooms of distributors from coast to coast.



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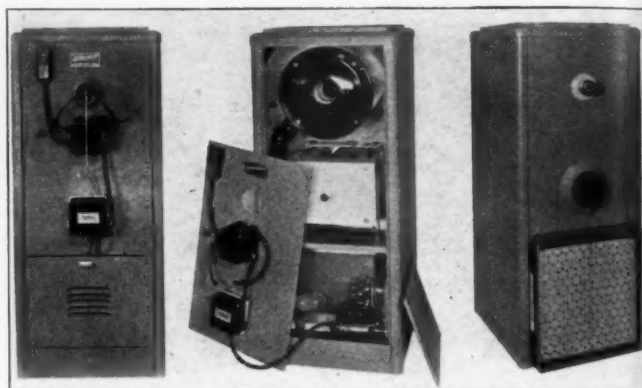
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WOLMANIZED LUMBER



New Gar Wood Unit for Small Homes

THE AIR Conditioning Division of Gar Wood Industries, Inc., has introduced a new Tempered-Aire heating unit, Model "Seventy-Five." It is a wartime product, stripped down to essentials but without sacrifice of efficiency or dependability. It was designed for installation in small dwellings and defense-type homes and sells at a new, low price. The capacity is 75,000 BTU's per hour at the bonnet. The air delivery is 750 C.F.M. at 160". Model "Seventy-Five" is ample for a house with a heat loss of 60,000 BTU's per hour.



GAR WOOD MODEL 75 Tempered-Aire heating unit. Center view shows front panel with controls and transformer removed. Note blower assembly, at bottom, including fuel unit for burner, and air duct from blower to combustion chamber. (Right) Rear view of unit.

New Armstrong Lining Felt

A NEW IMPROVED semi-saturated lining felt having advantages of both dry and saturated felts has been developed by the floor division of the Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa. Known as Armstrong's Lining Felt, this product has unusually high resistance to splitting caused by seasonal sub-floor movements. Linostrip and linosets can be cut in wet without pulling away any of the material.

Because all its fibres are partially impregnated with asphalt, linoleum paste can penetrate this material only deeply enough to assure a maximum bond, thus helping to save paste. The new product helps save time since its increased flexibility minimizes necessary rolling. An ordinary linoleum knife is the only tool required for its cutting and fitting. It combines increased resistance to scuffing with strength to hold up under faster handling without tearing. It is easy to remove when the linoleum is taken up.

Finally, this new felt offers increased resistance to disintegration and bunching when installed over floors subject to severe foot traffic or the constant rolling of office furniture.



HERE a mechanic is applying Armstrong's new semi-saturated lining felt to be followed by linoleum.

Improved Wonder Mortar Mixer

MANY improvements in the popular "Wonder" plaster and mortar mixer have been announced by Construction Machinery Company, Waterloo, Iowa, to make it more efficient



IMPROVED plaster and mortar mixer.

for jobs in the defense construction program, as they cut cost and speed up production.

Features of the "Wonder" are lower charging height, making for easier and quicker charging, spring mounted Timken bearing wheels for faster trailing, adjustable heavy steel mixing blades for handling mortars, also patent plaster with hair or fibre.

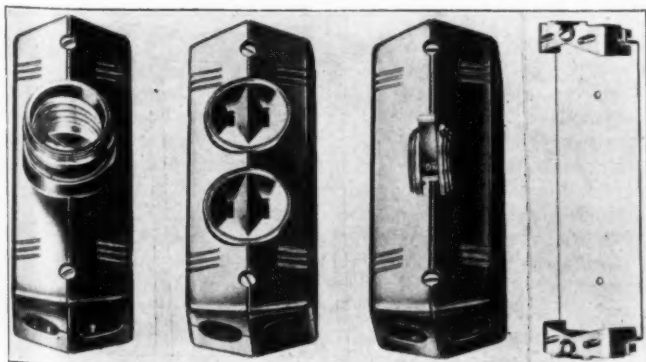
G-E Surface Wiring Devices

A LINE of Moncor surface wiring devices for use in wiring cantonments, warehouses, temporary industrial buildings, war housing, etc., has been announced by the wiring device section of General Electric's appliance and merchandise department at Bridgeport, Conn. These plastics devices can be end-connected or side-connected for surface wiring and back-connected for concealed wiring.

The line includes a duplex convenience outlet, a single-pole "T" rated switch, a 3-way "T" rated switch, a keyless lampholder, a pull chain lampholder and a junction box and rosette. Two accessories are provided to facilitate wiring—a back-connecting strap for use when cables are concealed and a combination clamp and continued ground strap for use with BX. These devices are constructed so they can be easily and quickly wired and are made of brown Textolite. They are light and strong, keep their color and resist moisture and corrosion. They accommodate either No. 12 or No. 14 2- or 3-conductor metallic or non-metallic cable for surface wiring or 12/2 and 14/2 non-metallic cable for concealed wiring. Synthetic insulated non-metallic cable can be used in either No. 12 or No. 14 sizes, 2- or 3-conductor, for surface or concealed wiring. These devices can also be used with knob and tube surface wiring.

The switches in this line are "T" rated. The convenience outlets have contacts that bear on both sides of standard attachment plug blades. The pull chain outlets have Textolite insulating links and tassels. The lampholders accommodate shadeholders both UNO and clamp type.

Knockouts in the devices can be removed with a screw driver. The end knockouts make devices either "through run" or "end run." Knockouts in each side of the devices permit open wiring or extensions, end run or through run. Devices placed beside each other at not too great distance can be wired this way. Four knockouts also are provided on the backs of these devices.



MOUNTING base and some of the fittings in the Moncor surface wiring line.

We are PLANNING Your Future KITCHEN BUSINESS

Today, the Youngstown Pressed Steel presses are turning out the materials of war with the steady rhythm and beat of a marching army—the army of production—marching twenty-four hours every day.

In another department of the plant, skilled planners and researchers are looking past the battle smoke to the blue skies of peace time and are planning more attractive kitchens in line with the trends of home design and construction.

For the years to come, Youngstown Pressed Steel expects to maintain its leadership in the quality, beauty and up-to-the-minute efficiency of its YPS kitchens.



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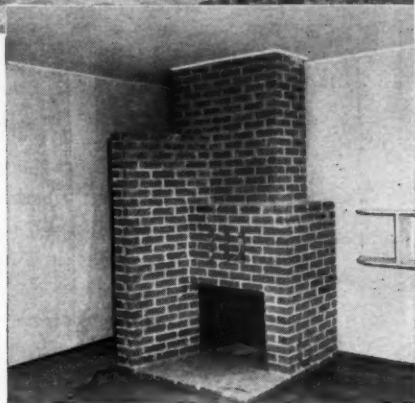
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Above—Chimney rapidly erected around Bennett Fireplace Unit.



Right—Showing heat outlets above fireplace opening.



BLAZING NEW TRAILS— High Quality at Low Cost

Again, at Norfolk, Levitt demonstrates the principles which have made his housing developments so successful in the past.

Using equipment from the Blue Book Register, and construction engineering that effects cost economies, he produces High Quality at Low Cost.

As in the automobile industry, such "production" methods vastly increase the market for new units.

He is blazing new trails that will help to expand the construction industry, provide more jobs, in the peacetime period to come.

Bennett Fireplace Units fit perfectly into "speed construction" methods, and provide owners with extra services and values. Particularly interesting at Norfolk, is the use of hard-fuel grates in the heat-circulating Bennett Units, thus furnishing a supplementary source of effective heating in case of fuel oil shortage.

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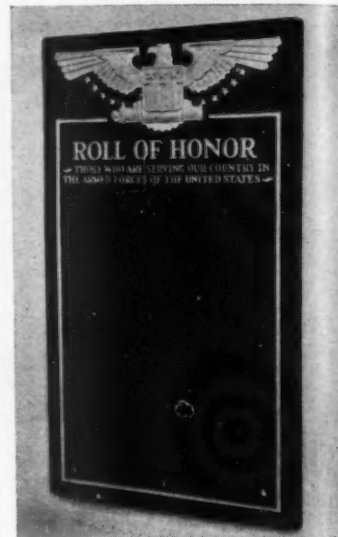
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Honor Roll of Black Glass

HERE IS a new "Roll of Honor" plaque designed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company for plants, offices, and other organizations having employees or members serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The plaque has the dual advantage of providing both a temporary and permanent record of names of those serving their country.

The plaque consists of polished black Carrara glass on which the emblem is sand-carved and painted with varnish-protected gold leaf. The name of the individual company or organization is inscribed at the bottom. As employees or members depart for service their names are painted on the plaque with white or gold paint. When the list is complete the names can be inscribed permanently by sand-blasting, re-arranging them in alphabetical order if desired.



WHITE names on black glass.

Use of glass instead of metal has several advantages. Critical metals are released for more important war needs and the glass provides a permanent memorial that is impervious to the elements, retains its sparkling finish, does not craze, and cannot tarnish.

Modernizing Acoustic Panels for Booths

A SERIES of new acoustic wall panels, known as Burgess Acousti-Panels, has just been announced by the Acoustic Division of Burgess Battery Company, 2825 W. Roscoe St., Chicago. These convenient panels offer an easy and inexpensive way of modernizing existing built-in telephone booths in department stores, hotels, and other public buildings. By the use of these panels, old style built-in booths can be easily converted into modern doorless booths which are light, airy, well ventilated, and easily cleaned. Booths which have been modernized with these Acousti-Panels offer quiet and privacy to the telephone user, and no door is necessary. The sound-absorbent panels absorb outside noise and prevent the user's words from being understood outside the booth.



ACOUSTIC panels improve old, noisy telephone booths.

Burgess Acousti-Panels are made of heavy reinforced birch plywood constructed in a unique cellular design, and filled with a thick blanket of sound-absorbing material. The inner side of the panel is perforated so that sound may be absorbed. This combination of perforated facing and sound-absorbent material is a patented Burgess development. These Acousti-Panels are supplied unfinished so they may be decorated to match their surroundings.

Acousti-Panels are 76 inches long, and are provided in 18, 20, 24, 30, and 36 inch widths. The Acoustic Division will be glad to furnish full instructions and recommended dimensions for the modernization of any built-in telephone booth.



NU-STYLE kitchen cabinets by Carr, Adams & Collier.

"Nu-Style" Kitchen Cabinets

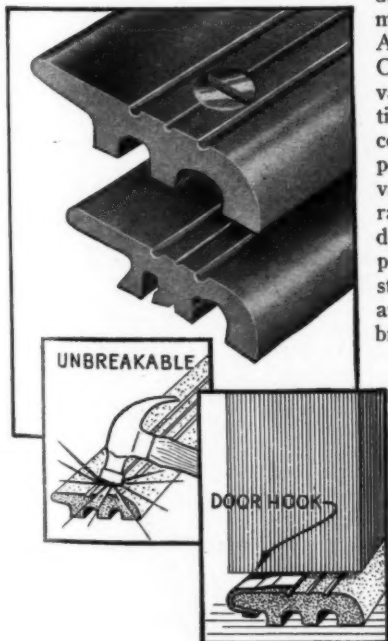
NU-STYLE is the name of a complete line of unit wood kitchen cabinets manufactured by the Carr, Adams & Collier Co., Dubuque, Iowa. They are ideal for new construction in defense areas, or remodeling in non-defense areas. They are individual cabinets, each complete in itself, and are adaptable to any desired arrangement, any size or shaped room. The individual cabinets bolt together in the desired arrangement and fasten to the finished wall without extensive remodeling.

Bilt-Well "Nu-Style" kitchen cabinets of kiln-dried W. P. Pine are smartly modern, and are in perfect harmony with the newest styling of refrigerators and ranges. They provide every convenience, abundant storage space, easy to reach door and drawer handles, broom cabinets, built-in ironing boards, cutlery trays, lid racks, and flour and sugar bins. Doors and drawers overlap the openings forming dust-proof enclosures, and when closed make a smooth flush surface easy to keep clean. They are made in many types and sizes from 15" to 42" wide. They are shipped K. D., put together in the white, or completely assembled and painted.

New Plastic Threshold

KNOWN as Tenite-Two, a cellulose acetate product of Tennessee-Eastman, this new, extruded, plastic threshold is being offered as a really better weatherstripping sill for outside

doors, at the same price as metal thresholds by the Allmetal Weatherstrip Co., Chicago. As fuel conservation is an important war-time problem and as it is conceded that outside door protection is exceptionally valuable, this efficient arrangement of threshold and door hook as illustrated, provides an excellent installation. Two designs are available, both of rich brown colored plastic which harmonizes well with typical floor finishes. The material is practically indestructible and screw and interlocking hook are included. Sold in lengths for standard door widths.



PLASTIC threshold by Allmetal

NEW OIL FURNACE FOR WAR HOUSING PROJECTS

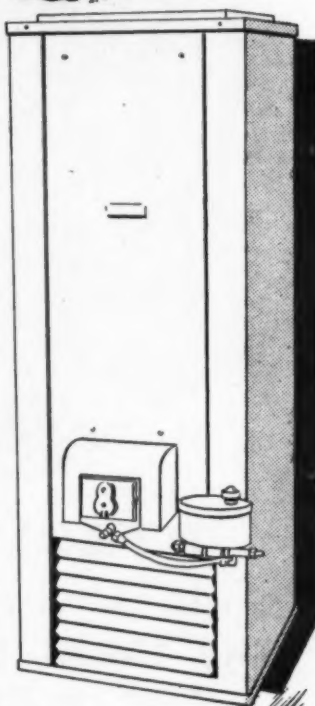


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Large Coated Sheets to Cut Wall Costs

PLASTIC-COATED wall panels which are completely pre-finished and require no "on-the-job" treatment after installation are a development urged to speed up emergency housing construction and remodeling. Supplied in sheets as large as 4' x 8', the pre-finished boards are a product of Barclay Manufacturing Company, 385 Gerard Avenue, New York City.

Designed for either new structures or for speedy modernizing by covering old walls and ceilings, the sheets are best applied by a waterproof adhesive, but may also be installed with brads. They are available in 10 attractive colors which are permanently bonded to the sheets by heat treatment. The surface is water-proof, stain-proof, dirt proof, vermin proof, and may be cleaned with soap and water.

Available in three types—Tileboard, Panelboard and Streamlined Board (shown left to right in the illustration)—the sheets may be installed by any competent carpenter. Besides the more obvious applications in bathrooms and kitchens, the plastic-coated panels are also being used for playrooms, nurseries, closets, laundries, service stations, barber and beauty shops, meat markets, bakeries, restaurants, hospitals, boats and trailers.



BARCLAY Tileboard, Panelboard and Streamlined Board.

Wood and Glue Beams Replace Steel for War

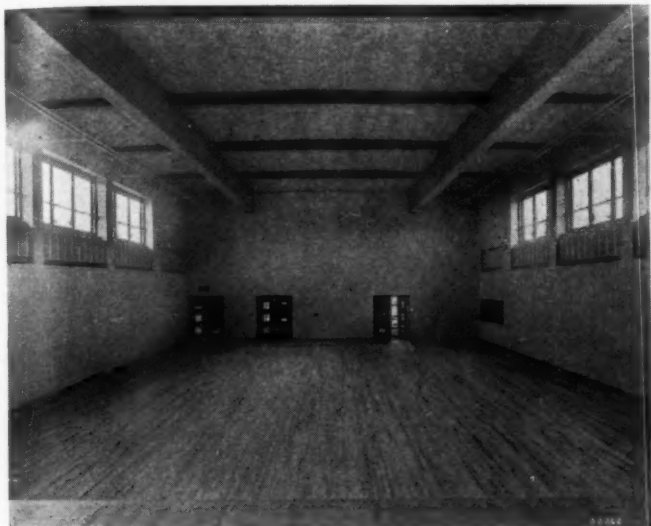
PROVIDING a splendid demonstration of the effectiveness with which the laminated wood beam can supplant a steel beam is the new Recreation Center at the Yesler Terrace (USHA) project, Seattle, Washington.

Here two 67' 2" beams, 14" wide and 40" deep, made up from 7800 board feet of fir and spruce dimension lumber, and 270 pounds of Laucks Construction Glue, took the place of steel girders weighing over 20,000 pounds, saving not only the steel for war, but saving \$76 per beam, in addition.

These wood beams were assembled in five and one-half days, were made in camber, and assembled with scarf joints by clamps and nails. They were delivered by logging truck.

Attwell Construction, Seattle, Washington, manufactured the beams. Mr. Bob Attwell, the manager, has been working with

laminated beams and arches for many years, and worked out the design for the present beams with the help of the University of Washington Forest Products Laboratory and Chester Hogue, technical engineer of the West Coast Lumberman's Association. Approval was given by Art Moses, structural engineer for the City of Seattle. J. C. Boespflug Company was the general contractor for the entire project.



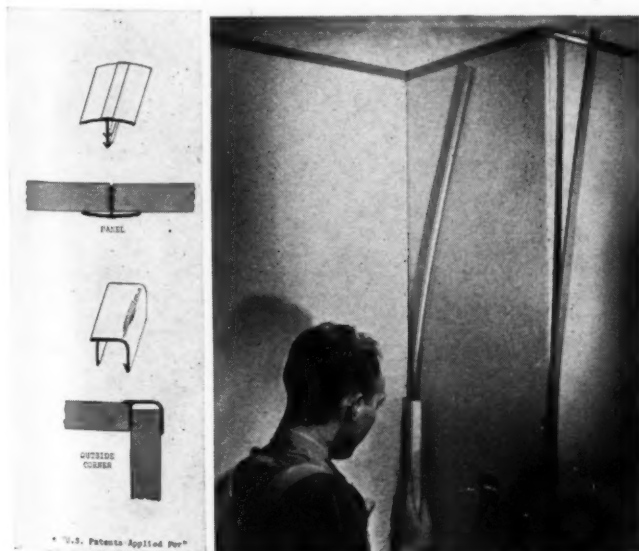
GLUED-UP beams in Seattle recreation center.

Fishhook Attached Joint Moulds

NEW extruded Tenite shapes for use with heavy wallboards and insulation fiber boards are now available. They are designed to cover unsightly seams and joints, and are simplicity itself to install. No nails, adhesives or other means of attachment are necessary. The resilient Tenite strips are so shaped that they become automatically secured when forced into the seams.

Strips are provided for inside corners, outside corners, flat panels and 130° panels. The shatterproof plastic Tenite affords excellent protection for these joints and is also decorative. It comes in all colors and has a smooth lustrous surface, eliminating any need for paint or lacquer finishes. The strips lend themselves readily to wall and ceiling constructions, and offer tremendous possibilities for use in prefabricated and semi-prefabricated houses.

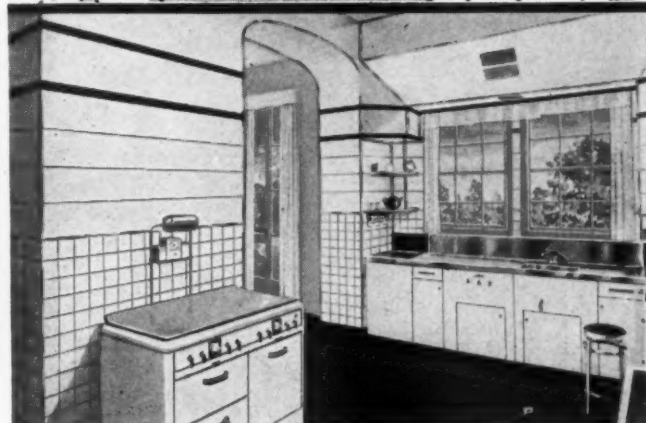
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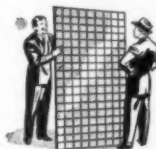
EXTRUDED Tenite strips for covering wallboard seams and joints are easy to apply. No nails, adhesives, or painting are required. The strips are so shaped that they become automatically secured when forced into the seams.

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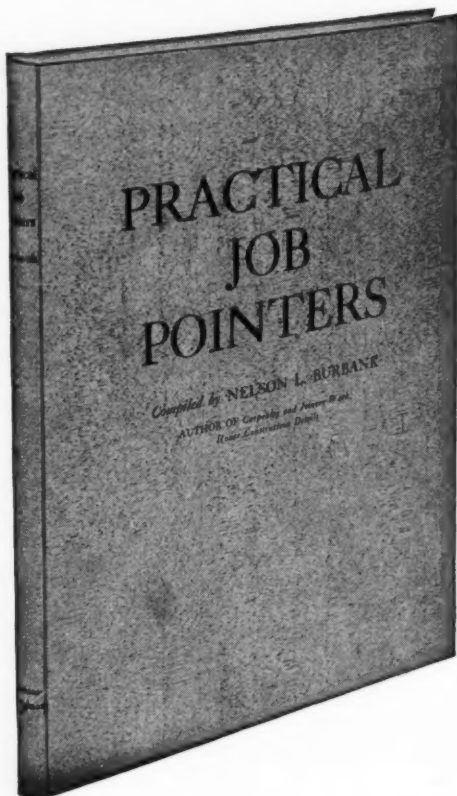
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Fishhook Attached Joint Moulds

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At present, these new extruded shapes are stocked in red only, and in 12-ft. lengths. White is expected to be carried in stock shortly, but any desired color may be had upon special order.

These wallboard shapes are extruded by Extruded Plastics, Inc., Norwalk, Conn., from a cellulose acetate butyrate formula of Tenite manufactured by Tennessee Eastman Corp., Kingsport, Tenn. They are distributed by Julius Blum & Co., Inc., 532 West 22nd St., New York, N. Y.

Linaset Map Decorates Ceiling

A HUGE MAP of the Western Hemisphere, exact in every detail and cut from 451 individual pieces of Armstrong's Linowall, has been installed on a ceiling in the Shrine Hospital in San Francisco to help entertain and educate crippled children undergoing corrective treatment in the Physical Therapy Department.

Measuring 32'-7" in length and 12'-6" in width, this novel Linoset—one of the largest and most complex ever installed—shows all the land and waters in the western half of the world. Seventeen different colors of Linowall were used to indicate the various countries and the names of the larger nations were cut in black, the letters ranging from one-and-one-half to two inches in height.

In the part of the map showing the United States, the abbreviations for the names of all states were routed with v-shaped carving tools and filled with black coloring. The same procedure was followed to show the lines indicating longitude and latitude and the names of the fifteen cities in the United States and Canada in which Shrine Hospitals for crippled children are located. In addition, these cities were indicated by discs of Chinese Red Linowall, 3/8" in diameter.

The globe was cut from Light Azure Linowall to represent the waters of the Western Hemisphere and set into a field of Bermuda Blue Linowall, designed to indicate the Heavens.

The idea for this educational ceiling inset was conceived by Mrs. Gertrude R. Folendorf, who has been superintendent of the hospital since it was established. The map was designed



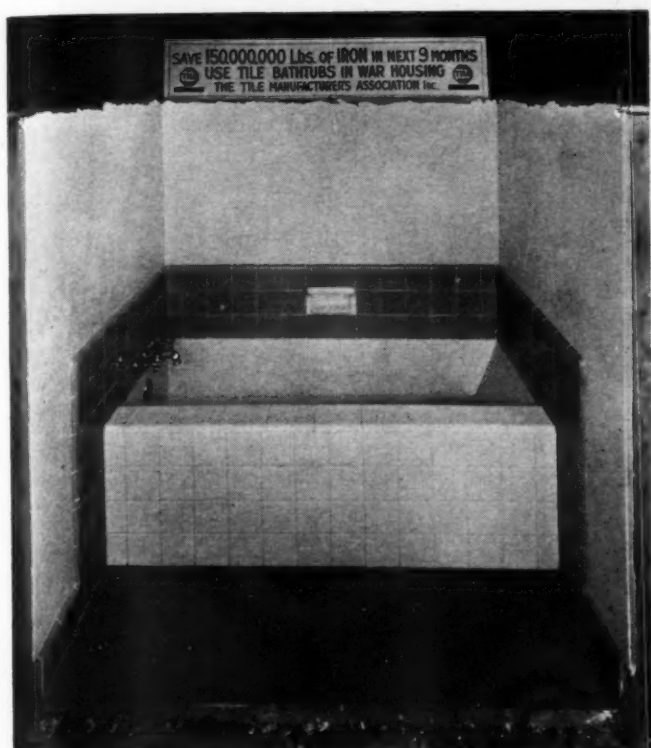
451 pieces of Linowall in this ceiling map.

by John D. McGilvray, Jr., who is associated with an architectural concern in Honolulu, and cut in the Armstrong Cork Company's Floor Division Factory at Lancaster, Pa. Approximately four weeks were required to draw, cut, and package the various pieces that make up the Linoset, and it took four days for two skilled Linowall mechanics of the W. E. Anderson Company of San Francisco to install the job in the hospital.

Tile Bathtub to Save 75,000 Tons of Iron

IN THE INTEREST of an accelerated war production program, the Tile Manufacturers' Association, New York City, has developed an all-ceramic tile bathtub to save metal needed for tanks, guns and other implements of war. The all-tile tub will replace the standard metal tub and a saving of approximately 75,000 tons of iron is indicated within the next 10 months.

As the tile tub is built at the job by a tile contractor there will be a large saving in transportation space which has been



DISPLAY room model of economy tile bathtub.

needed in the past to ship the crated metal tubs from the factory to the house.

On war housing projects it is believed that the cost of the all-tile bathtub will be less than \$50.00. The interior of the tub is composed of small pieces of unglazed ceramic mosaic tile and thus will be slip-proof. Many color combinations are possible with tile.

Ceramic tile is available in large quantities and thousands of tile contractors are ready and willing to install these "victory bathtubs."

New Washable Water Paint Introduced

KEM-TONE, the new oil-less interior wall finish developed by Sherwin-Williams Co., Cleveland, will shortly be available in all sections of the country except the West Coast. Introduction to the trade is being made at a series of dealer demonstrations in key cities, with a national consumer advertising campaign scheduled to begin April 26 and carry through the spring season.

Although Kem-Tone uses water as a thinner, it is not an ordinary paint, but an entirely new product made possible by recent developments in the field of synthetic resins and employing completely new scientific principles. Whereas previous paints used oxidizing oils and solvents to form a vehicle for the pigment, the Kem-Tone vehicle consists of a water-and-synthetic-resin emulsion.

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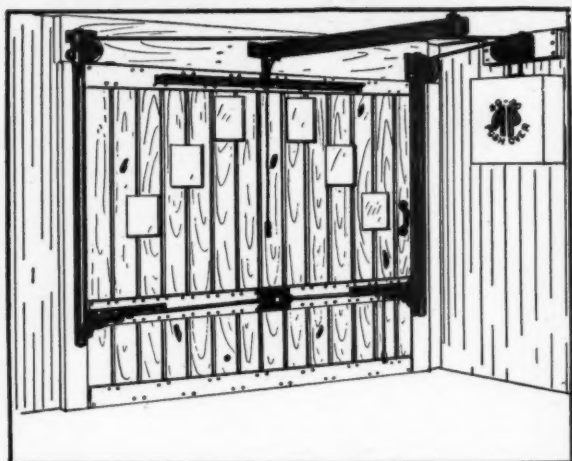
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New Washable Water Paint

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When applied to a wall, two separate drying processes occur. The first, which takes about an hour, is evaporation of the water, which leaves the surface dry to touch. It is followed by a process known as "polymerization" in which the actual character of the resin itself undergoes a change resulting in a tough, waterproof surface that is completely washable. This "curing" action takes at least 48 hours.

Because of the new principles involved, Kem-Tone is believed to have a scope far greater than former oil and water-paints. It can be applied directly over practically any type of surface except kalsomine without priming. Its most unusual feature is its ability to cover old wallpaper without the preliminary



A PAINTER shows how Kem-Tone, the new water-thinned miracle finish that can be applied directly over old wallpaper, will cover even the most violent floral pattern with a single coat.

mess and expense of removing the paper. It is also possible to Kem-Tone new plaster walls without any priming or sizing coat and without waiting for the plaster to dry thoroughly. Other surfaces which can be Kem-Toned without previous preparations include brick, stucco and cement walls, wall and plaster board, oil-painted surfaces and casein-painted surfaces.

In all these applications Kem-Tone is said to show exceptional covering qualities. In most cases one coat is sufficient, even when using a light pastel shade to cover heavily figured wallpaper or black grease pencil marks. Gloss painted surfaces, too, can be covered with a single coat by using a slightly thicker consistency than normal.

M. C. Neel Appointed Chief of Rilco Engineering Staff

MERVILLE C. NEEL has been appointed chief of the engineering staff of Rilco Laminated Products, Inc., St. Paul, Minn. He recently resigned his position as structural engineer of the Wisconsin Industrial Commission.

Advances in timber engineering and the rapidly expanding use of glued laminated construction have placed wood in the foreground as a structural engineering material. Rilco Laminated Products, Inc., one of the group of Weyerhaeuser companies, has

pioneered in this field for the past several years during which time it has been gradually expanding its production facilities on a national basis. In its several plants, located at strategic points, it is now fabricating glued laminated wood arches, beams and roof trusses suitable for almost any type of urban-commercial structure, Army and Navy construction, and farm buildings.

Converting Old Homes to New Needs



"BEFORE." Outdated, strictly utilitarian, this kitchen has been serving the household for many years. With the upswing in consumer earnings, many home owners are now in position to remodel rooms of this kind. This particular room was renovated, and beautifully, as shown in photo at right.



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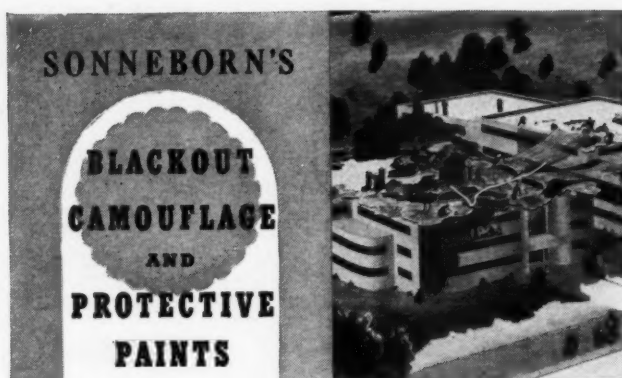
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Pressed Woods Find New Uses in War Economy

ONE of the few large companies relatively unaffected by shortages of raw materials is the Masonite Corp., Chicago, which is producing more than a million square feet of "Presdwoods" per day at its main plant in Laurel, Miss.

The national drive toward economic self-sufficiency has created a strong new demand for products that replace vital steels, aluminum, rubber, cork and asbestos. Masonite, which manufactures several types of wood-fibre boards, has recently increased the Laurel capacity by 30 per cent and is operating the plant on a 24-hour day basis.

Originally most of the Masonite volume was used by the building trades. The demand for replacement materials has created new trade trends, and "Presdwoods" now are used in U.S. army tanks, signal corps trailers, arsenal shell holders, interior finishes for railroad equipment, streetcars and busses, bar and table tops, advertising displays, office equipment, in the communication field, and for stage and motion picture sets.

An outstanding example of the replacement trend is a new ice refrigerator in which more than 90 pounds of steel have been saved by using "Presdwood." The material is heat-resistant and rust-proof. When a similar type of enameled exterior finish is applied, the unit looks exactly like the original.

Among the other war-style "Victory" products just placed on the market is a standard four-drawer filing cabinet made 97.3 per cent of wood and wood products. "Tempered Presdwood" is used for the side and back panels and drawer bottoms of this file, which saves about 135 pounds of steel and has a total metal content of only 37 ounces.

Demands for speed in aircraft production have been met in part through increased use of Masonite semi-plastic die stock for forming, shearing, and router dies. Since most Masonite dies are made in the pattern shop on high speed woodworking equipment, tooling time is greatly reduced, valuable steel is saved, and metal-working equipment is released for direct production purposes. Masonite dies have the added advantage of being six times lighter than steel.

While a substantial portion of Masonite's current output is going into defense housing, the company has not entered the field as a direct contractor. General Fabricators Inc. have developed a prefabricated, demountable house which features "Presdwoods" and Masonite insulating materials.

The outlook for Masonite, and for every other company that makes useful products out of abundantly available natural resources, is quite promising. Each time a vital element of war steps away from the civil-goods front, its place is taken by a more plentiful material. In the tightened economy of the future, substances such as "Presdwood" will continue in strong demand because they have new utility in both the military and civil sense.

Color-Graded Doors Well Received by Active Building Men

TRADE RESPONSE to the Wheeler Osgood new system of "Color-Grading" on doors has been enthusiastically received by lumber dealers, architects and jobbers throughout the United States, according to Norman Cruver, vice president and general manager of the Wheeler Osgood Sales Corp., Tacoma, Washington. "We have been amazed at the popular acceptance of our new grade-identification program," Cruver stated.

In April the Wheeler Osgood Sales Corporation announced a startling new innovation in door grading. Every "De Luxe Grade A" door now carries an attractive Blue label securely fastened to the bottom rail of each door, featuring the grade, size, style, surface and the company guarantee. Every "Master Grade B" door carries a bright Red paper label featuring the grade, size, style and surface. Both labels guarantee U. S. Standard grades and designs.

These bright labels make it possible to see at a glance the grade of door that is specified and purchased.

Attractive sales portfolios with the complete merchandising and advertising plans were mailed to every important dealer and jobber in the United States.

BOOKS on BUILDING

A Review of Current Publications

FOR information about these building books, write American Builder, Book Service Department, 30 Church Street, New York City, or the publishers.

ARCHITECTURAL GRAPHIC STANDARDS—By Ramsey and Sleeper. 1941. 3rd. 344 pages, 315 plates. 9½ x 11¾, cloth. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York City. \$6.00.

Third and much enlarged edition of a graphic and diagrammatic assembly of data, standards and information for the use of architects, engineers, decorators, builders, draftsmen, landscape architects, building superintendents, industrial plant managers, and students. The authors have reorganized the physical arrangement of this edition, which is some 48 per cent larger than the previous one, in order to facilitate its use, and have added new subjects, as well as 72 new sheets.

New sheets of special value to those interested in the very practical aspects of building include Nails and Uses, Mathematics and Mensuration, Weights of Materials, Wall Furring, Hardware, and Drainage. Some of the new subjects covered include Brick Cavity Walls, Serpentine Walls, Glass Blocks, Termite Control, Skylights, Wall Partition and Door Vents, Aluminum Windows, Structural Glass, Sound Insulation, Boats and Canoes, Railroad Data, Dimensions of the Human Figure, New Games, Fluorescent Lights, Electric Organs, latest Swimming Pool Data, and three new sheets on Perspective.

HOW TO LANDSCAPE YOUR GROUNDS—by Loyal R. Johnson. 1941. 221 pp., illus. 6 x 9, cloth. A. T. De La Mare Co. Inc., New York City. \$2.75.

This book is a complete guide to the planning, construction and planting of the garden and grounds, especially directed to the hundreds of thousands of home builders and owners in the medium income bracket who are anxious to beautify their home surroundings to the best advantage at small expense. The practical planting plans and keys for all sections of the country were prepared by eight well known landscape architects, and lead the property owner by easy stages from careful planning before planting to the locating of the house, the construction of walks and drives, the grading, construction and maintenance of lawns, the flower garden, the rock and wild garden, the selection of trees and shrubs and the architectural features of the garden.

STEEL SQUARE POCKET BOOK—by Dwight L. Stoddard. 1941. 6th. 191 pages, 185 illus. 4 x 6, flexible. Scientific Book Corp., 15 E. 26th St., New York City. \$1.00.

This new revised and enlarged edition is a handy pocket reference book and illustrates and describes in a simple and concise manner the best practical methods of using the steel square in laying out all kinds of carpentry work, including common, hip or valley rafters for different shaped roofs, jack rafters and roofs of uneven pitch. Simple instructions are also given for obtaining the cuts for hoppers, towers, braces, trestles, stairs, bicycle tracks, etc., as well as for describing various figures such as octagons, circles, ellipses and ovals, and for solving many other knotty problems by the use of the steel square. A novel feature of the book is the absence of reference letters on the illustrations; instead, an exact engraving of the square itself laid on the work is given.

BEACON BOILER REFERENCE BOOK. 1941. 554 pages. Pocket size, paper. Heating Journals, Inc., 232 Madison Avenue, New York City. \$3.00.

A reference book of value to every dealer, jobber, contractor, salesman, service and installation man in the heating field since it contains 7,116 listings of boilers and boiler-burner units up to 2,000 square feet, steam and equivalent hot water, of 195 makes. All data available from manufacturers and existing records is presented in concise, easily readable form, and in the listing for each is given the following information: model number, rating, minimum firing rate, square feet of heating surface, width and length of firebox, floor to crown sheet, grate size, floor area, base height, chimney size and height, and diameter of smoke pipe.

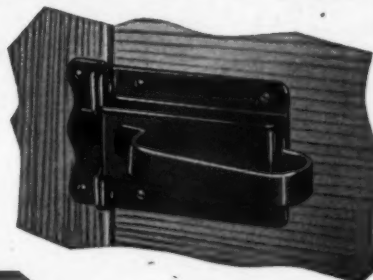
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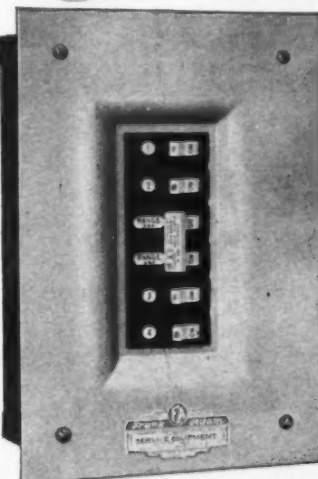
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GENERAL ELECTRIC

LETTERS from Readers on All Subjects

Facts, Opinion and Advice Welcomed Here

Questions About New Restrictions

New Buffalo, Mich.

To the Editor:

Below are a few questions I would like to have you clear up for me:

1. Last January 10 I took out a contract with a party to remodel and repair his house. I told him at the time that I could do very little toward the work, because I was too busy, but that this spring I would start in. However, one side of the roof leaked very badly and I reroofed that side. I have had a good deal of the material needed in repairing and remodeling stored in the place for some time, and am now ready to go ahead with the work. The repairs and remodeling will run around \$2,000. Can I go ahead with this according to the present building setup?

2. What boundaries in miles would be termed a "defense area" from a munitions plant? And also in regard to plants on defense work?

3. Last November we enlarged a basement for a tavern and dance hall and agreed to go on with the upper floor this spring by making rooms above same. Can I go ahead with work?

Both of the above jobs I term as having been started before the showdown on April 9, and therefore I think I can go ahead, but want to be sure. Please give your opinion as soon as possible.

WILLIAM BOND, Builder.

ANSWER:

As to the first situation, according to our understanding of the War Board's Conservation Order L-41, there is no limit to the amount of actual *repairing* expense that can be incurred without license or permission, to make a building safe and usable. *Remodeling* expense, however, must be limited in residential work to \$500, farm buildings to \$1,000, and commercial buildings to \$5,000. If your analysis of the job indicates a cost greater than \$500 for the remodeling features of this house, you would have to secure a permit from your local FHA office before safely proceeding. However, in the case you mention, since the work was started on January 10, it can be completed without obtaining any special permit. The Order states that where materials have actually been incorporated into the work prior to April 9, the job can be completed.

With reference to your second question, various interpretations have been offered. Since the shortage of private automobile transportation developed, the tendency in most defense areas has been to consider only municipal street car service as being dependable and worth while. Two miles has been given as the maximum walking distance from home to plant or from home to street car line. I suggest that you verify this matter with your nearest FHA district office.

Your third job seems to fall within the commercial classification, and if so, you would be permitted to spend \$5,000 on alterations and improvements without any special permit.

—EDITOR.

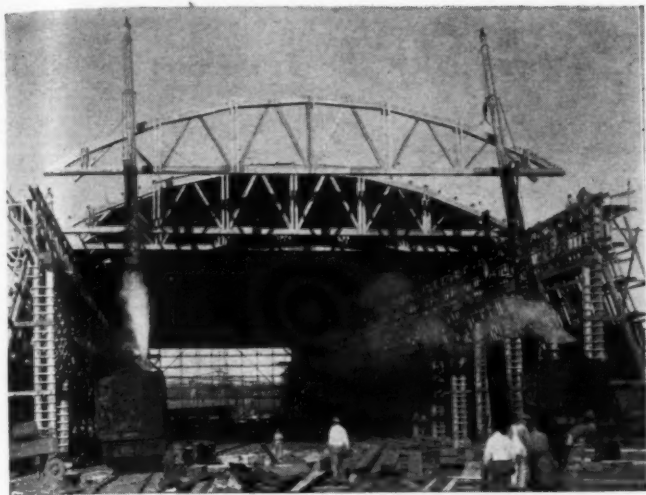
Lumber Production Expands

Westwood, Calif.

To the Editor:

Our plant is operating three shifts; and, with 40-50 million feet of logs stored at the mill, we can carry through on this basis until the spring logging seasons opens. Our product is Ponderosa and Sugar Pine lumber, plywood, mouldings and box-shook, and incense cedar venetian blind slats. A large percentage of our output is moving directly into defense projects.

As an example of industrial plant and shop construction the accompanying photograph may have news value. It shows our surface, rip and trim shop, size 108 by 422 feet as built in 1941; we are now adding to its length. Jack Gilmore is the contractor. His method of braced sidewall construction may



ERECTING TECO timber trusses at Westwood plant, Red River Lumber Co. for big expansion.

interest some. Roof is carried on bow string trusses, 20-ft. centers. Teco connectors make timber trusses practicable for long clear spans and high economy in material, labor and time. We have used Teco-connected trusses on 12 buildings on our Westwood operation during recent years. Incidentally our snow-loads are 50-60 pounds per square foot.

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Sennett, N. Y.

To the Editor:

I wish to say at this time that no carpenter or builder, regardless of volume of business, should be without the *American Builder*. It's the best building magazine.

CHARLES LAWRENCE, JR.

**Government Information Bureau
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THE MUCH discussed Victory Building, an all-wood structure erected in Washington to house the Office of Government Reports, went up in approximately a month. Designed by the Public Buildings Administration and built by the Charles H. Tompkins Company, the structure is set in the heart of downtown Washington, filling the block on Pennsylvania Avenue between 14th and 15th streets.

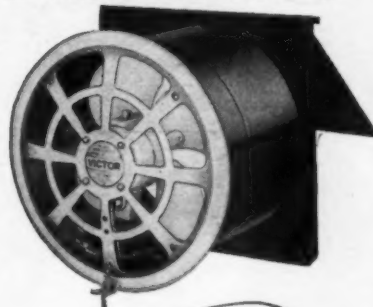
It will be used for emergency office space. A large, central hall will be occupied by an information bureau, conducted by OGR, where business visitors to Washington will be advised and guided through that complex organism, the United States Government; and the transaction of their business expedited—it is hoped!

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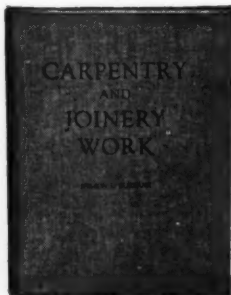
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BOOK DEPARTMENT

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How to Build Sabotage and Bomb Protection

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WORKMEN are inspecting concrete masonry wall after test with high velocity rifle fire at Franklin Park, Illinois.

These footings may be of plain concrete, at least 8 in. deep and 16 to 20 in. wide. Where the underlying soil is fairly stable the footings may be built of 12-in. concrete masonry units with the cores filled with a cement mortar made with one part of portland cement and three to four parts of sand. The 12-in. units may be used without mortar above grade for a wall as high as 14 ft. which would require 21 courses. Pilaster construction is desirable at corners and at intervals for any wall 30 ft. or more in length.

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HOLLOW 12-in. concrete masonry units laid up without mortar are used to protect basement windows in dormitory building at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., prepared for use as a bomb shelter.

Seattle War Workers Get Homes— Not Mere Housing

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privacy. All homes on the main arterial will be built to face in. Gardner, Gardner and Hitchings, engineers, supervised the platting.

Specifications for Wedgewood show highest quality materials and equipment are used throughout the construction of the houses. Included are concrete foundation; No. 1 and No. 2 Douglas fir frame; red cedar shingles; Bruce No. 1 Com. red oak flooring; asphalt sheathing paper and Pabco kraft paper; Conco automatic oil furnace; "Standard" and Briggs plumbing equipment. Specialties include fans and chimneys.

Saving of cost of construction is made possible by use of a power saw on the job. Studs are precut to exact lengths. Pastel paints give a picturesque touch to houses, each one painted to blend with but never to match another close to it.

Builders Are Well Known

Albert Balch of the firm, Balch and Setzer, is vice-president of the Seattle Real Estate Board and a founder of the National Home Builders Institute. He is also known for his work with Ralph Jones as co-developer of the View Ridge residential district in Seattle.

Maury Setzer, the other member of the firm, has been associated with the United States Securities and Exchange of Commission there for four years.—Theresa Stevens.



ONE of the variations of Balch and Setzer's two-bedroom Title VI homes in their Wedgewood development near Seattle, Wash. This floor plan has been reversed, fireplace moved to side, entrance trim and other details changed to alter appearance to avoid duplication.

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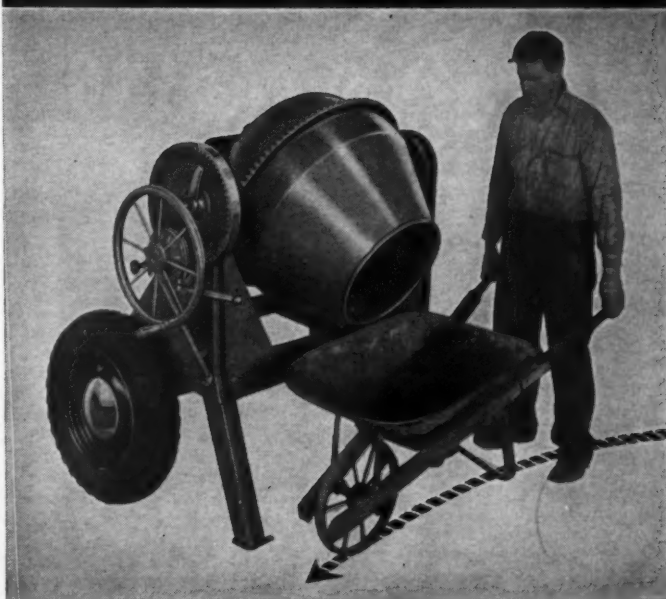
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THE Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Edward Hines Lumber Co. was held at the offices of the company on April 16 and all the directors for the previous year re-elected.

At the election by the Board of Directors of officers for the ensuing year, Ralph J. Hines, who has been president of the company since the death of his father, Edward Hines, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors. His brother, Charles M. Hines, who has been senior vice-president for the same period, was elected president. All the other officers were re-elected to the respective positions held during the previous year.

The changes made are due to the fact that Ralph J. Hines left on April 16 to enter the Aviation Volunteer Service to commence training at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Pt., Rhode Island.



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Saving Steel in Factory Design

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foot. This was a saving of 67 per cent of the steel tonnage required in the all-steel design.

Figure 1 shows the roof framing for part of a building as designed for steel. The transverse spans will be seen to be 20-40-60-40-20 ft., except in the firewalls where they are all 20 ft. The longitudinal column spacings are 20 and 40 ft. The three interior spans have light trusses, and the entire roof has 2-in. wood decking. The building is not fire-resistant, but concrete firewalls divide it into lengths of 120 ft. The design is typical of many one story factory and storage buildings being erected in many parts of the country at present and represents a wasteful use of steel in contrast to the possibilities in reinforced concrete construction.

A redesign of the same building in reinforced concrete is illustrated in Figure 2. The two outer spans which were 20 and 40 ft. in the steel layout are now changed to 30 and 30 ft. A more significant change is the spacing of the columns in the firewalls from 20 ft. to 30-30-60-30-30 as in the other concrete bents. Lengthening the spans in the firewalls was not especially favorable to concrete but it was desirable to have all the bents alike to facilitate removal of the firewalls in the event the building should be remodeled for some other type of occupancy.

Many building contractors have long realized that existing municipal building codes often require drastic over-design for structures of many types of occupancy. This situation involves considerable excess use of steel as well as other materials and is the cause of much concern at present. The underlying cause of excessive live load requirements in building codes is that inspection departments are often under-staffed and require unnecessarily high live load designs in lieu of more rigid inspection service. This subject was investigated by a Building Code Committee appointed by the United States Department of Commerce which made live load recommendations considerably below the usual building code requirements. The following were the Code Committee's recommendations in pounds per square foot live load as compared to the existing codes:

	Recommended	Usual Building Code Requirement
Light manufacturing	75	75 to 125
Wholesale stores	100	100 to 125
Retail salesrooms	75	75 to 125
Garages, all types of vehicles	100	100 to 175
Garages, passenger cars only	80	75 to 175

The Code Committee also pointed to the tendency in many city building codes to require columns to be designed for excessive loads. This is obviously another source of wasteful use of materials. Engineers generally, recognize that for many types of occupancy columns need not be designed for the full live load when there are several stories above the column. The Code Committee prepared and published a table of permissible reductions in floor live loads for designing columns, piers, walls, foundations, trusses and girders in all buildings except those used for storage purposes. The tabulation, expressed in pounds, per square foot is as follows:

Reduction of total live load carried:

Carrying one floor	0
" two floors	10
" three floors	20
" four floors	30
" five floors	40
" six floors	45
" seven or more floors	50

It is well understood that a column in, for example, an eight-story building, need not be designed for more than one-half the live load on all eight levels. Failure to take advantage of these permissible reductions results in over-design of columns and wasteful use of steel and other materials.

Selection of a concrete floor system which requires a minimum of steel is another important consideration under present conditions. Design studies of seven types of concrete floor systems, made before steel became a critical material, showed required quantities of steel for each system in pounds per square foot of floor area. The floor systems included the supporting beams. The studies assumed three live loads, 50, 100 and 150 pounds per square foot and three span lengths, 15, 20 and 25 feet. The quantities of steel required for a 20 foot span and 100 pound loading with each of the seven types of concrete floors are shown below:

1. 20-in. metal pan	2.77
2. 30-in. metal pan	2.58
3. 12-in. masonry filler	3.54
4. 16-in. masonry filler	3.43
5. One-way slab	3.01
6. Two-way slab	3.70
7. Flat slab	2.13

The studies showed that the flat slab, which is a girderless solid slab with drop panels, column capitals and two-way reinforcement, not only required considerably less steel than the other types, but was the most economical in other ways.

Flat slab floor construction does not require lath or plaster on the ceilings. This construction is generally regarded as especially suitable for heavy warehouse loads but will often show a saving both in steel and total cost for light occupancy buildings.

Under the conditions existing in the building industry in the summer of 1942, the availability of materials has become more important than design preferences or adherence to traditional methods. Some of the methods of obtaining fire-resistant construction of industrial and commercial buildings outlined here, are doubtless in conflict with some local building codes and may appear to some designers as radical departures from tradition. But they do conserve steel and may in many localities offer the only means of getting urgently needed structures built. Concrete is not on the critical list. Its principal ingredients, portland cement, sand and stone are readily available in nearly all sections of the country without long freight hauls.

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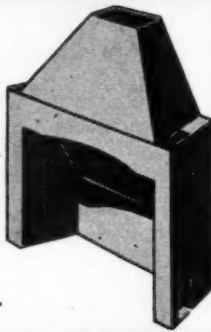
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World's Biggest Prefab Job

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ing of prefabricated demountable house sections and transporting and erecting them on precast concrete piers at the site. Their contract price is \$2,770 to \$2,990 per unit. This does not include cost of the land, streets, water, sewers, grading, landscaping or other site operations—all of which are separate government contracts.

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Description of System

The Precision-Built system as modified on this job calls for the use of standard floor, wall, ceiling and roof sections which are either bolted or screwed together in such a fashion that they may be taken apart later without material damage.

Wall Sections—The standard 24'-3" x 28' house has 22 wall sections and 2 gable ends. These are constructed of 2" x 3" studding 12" on center for sidewalls and bearing partitions, 16" on center for non-bearing partitions. Homasote building board is glued and nailed in place for the interior surface, and redwood siding on the outside, nailed directly to the studding over 30-lb. building felt. The typical wall sections are 7'-10" high and are built in lengths of 12 and 14 feet. Despite this considerable size, the nature of the construction is such that they are fairly light and easy to handle. The sections are delivered to the job without doors or windows installed, as experience has shown that too much breakage occurs in handling when preglazed.

Floor Sections—Eight sections 6'-11 7/8" wide by 12'-1 1/4" long make up the floor on a standard house. The floor section is built in the nature of a box with a 2 x 10 framework around the outside and 2 x 6 joists on 16" centers which rest on 2" x 3" ledges. One-half inch of blanket-type insulation is placed between the joists and a finish floor of Bruce Streamline factory-finished flooring laid directly on the joists. At the factory the floor sections are built on special jig tables two at a time and then sawed in two. The fine polished oak finish of the sections is protected by the application of Sisalkraft building paper which remains in place throughout the job.

Ceiling Sections—Thirteen sections make up the ceiling, ranging in width from 2'-9" to 7'-9". Most of the sections are of standard length—12'-1 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". The sections are built of 2" x 4" joists, 12" on center, to which is applied 1" x 2" strapping at right angles to the joists. On this is glued and nailed a ceiling finish surface of Homasote building board. In addition to this insulation, a $\frac{1}{2}$ " builders blanket is placed between the joists.

Roof Sections—Eight roof sections are used for the standard house, 6 of which are 8' wide. These are built of 2" x 6" rafters on 16" centers, with a sheathing of $\frac{5}{8}$ " Douglas fir plywood. Asphalt shingles are applied after the sections are erected.

Under the highly standardized and carefully worked out procedure at the factory, the various sections are built on standardized jigs which accurately locate the placing of the joists or studding while the exterior and interior materials are being applied. Wiring is inserted in the wall sections when they are built. Under a cleverly worked out procedure switch boxes and outlets are attached to studding in a small electrical sub-assembly shop. A coil of wire is attached to the stud, which is dropped into place on the jig table. When the wall section is delivered to the job it is thus completely wired ready for hookup with the rest of the system.

Plumbing also is standardized and sub-assemblies are prepared in the shop and delivered, ready for quick installation at the site.

The factory is so arranged that the Homasote and lumber are delivered at one end and the finished sections move along in what resembles an assembly-line technique. Crews of workmen specialize in simple operations at which they become very proficient. Every table has its complement of power saws and other necessary mechanical equipment to speed operations. The plant is equipped with overhead cranes capable of lifting the carefully piled sections for a house and placing them on the trailer trucks. The entire operation calls for the highest co-ordination since the volume of materials required is so great that if there is a tie-up anywhere along the line they pile up very quickly. It is also important that production in the factory and assembly in the field be closely co-ordinated so that the sections are assembled and erected as fast as they are delivered to the site.

Many Difficult Problems

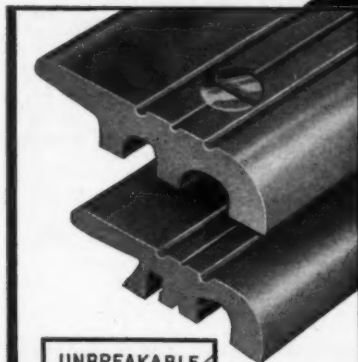
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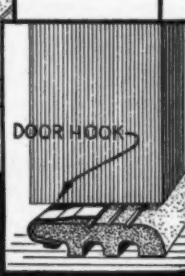
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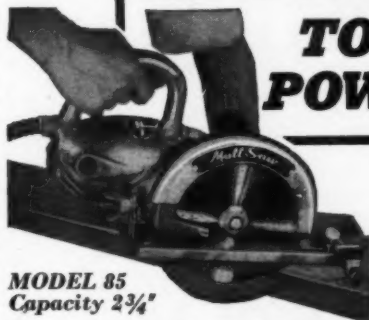
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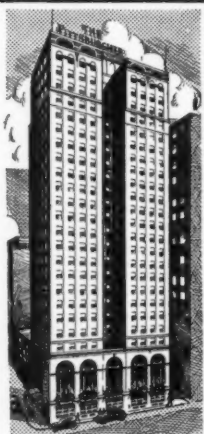
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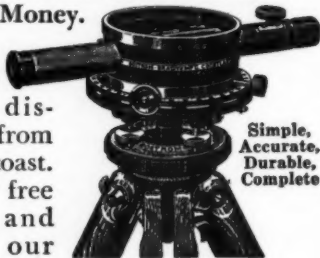
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Materials and equipment used in the houses include Homasote building board; Bruce Streamline factory-finished flooring; redwood siding; Certain-teed 30-lb. asphalt felt; General Electric wiring and refrigerators; Wood Conversion Company 1/2" builders blanket insulation; Johns-Manville and Ford asphalt shingles; Reading hardware; Sisalkraft building paper for floor protection; Dixie Foundry coal ranges and space heaters; Baltimore Enameling & Novelty Co. metal chimney flues; Ideal Millwork furnished by Ideal Co., the manufacturing division of William Cameron & Co., Waco, Tex.; Briggs Beautyware plumbing fixtures with non-slip tub and combination laundry-sink; Breinig Bros. special primer and sealer for natural wood finishes; Glidden interior flat wall paint; Pabco linoleum by Paraffine Co. of San Francisco; Plyscord Douglas fir plywood; special Homasote nails by Independent Nail & Packing Co., Bridgewater, Mass., and Wickwire Nail Co.

Paneling in Knotty Pine

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and will give a better shadow effect.

The scallops for the cornice frieze, and the trim around open shelving can be cut out on a power band saw, if available, or it can be cut out by hand with a compass or key-hole saw. The edges should be cut square and true and be well sanded.

Door and Window Trim. On pine paneled walls it is possible to get along with very little trim around door and window openings, and the simpler the treatment the more satisfactory will be the final result. Casings as such, are best eliminated. On the windows run the paneling in flush with the inside of the jamb and finish off with a stop made of 1/2" No. 2 pine. A stool of 1" or 1 1/8" material with rounded edges, or half round as shown in Fig. 9, with a small cove in place of an apron, will provide all the trim necessary. Door trim may be equally simple.

Doors and Windows. Stock Colonial designs of doors and windows will be appropriate in pine paneled rooms. Use divided light windows as shown in Fig. 12, or diamond paned sash as shown in Fig. 1. Typical door designs are shown in Fig. 11. Raised panels are recommended for the doors. Particularly well suited to a room with pine paneling are batten doors similar to the one indicated in Fig. 1, and for an alternate exterior design, a Dutch door (divided at the lock rail), would be fine.

Stairwork. Stairs can be of the inexpensive box type. The drawing indicated as Fig. 1 shows a box stair built into the end of a living room. Open stairs of true Colonial design and made up of stock stair parts would be in keeping. Treads and handrails should be of birch, stained walnut, while the risers and face stringers could be made of No. 2 pine. Hand rails can be supported on wood

brackets as indicated in Fig. 12 or on iron brackets.

Cabinet Work. Here again stock items from millwork manufacturers can be used to advantage, provided they are of authentic Colonial design. Their proportionate size in relation to the size of the room should also be considered. Figures 10-A and 10-B show two appropriate mantel suggestions. Smooth red brick, tile or marble should be used for the facing around the fireplace opening and for the hearth.

China cabinets without doors will look well in a knotty pine room. Open shelves for books and china, as detailed in Fig. 1 are always in good taste, and so, also, are corner cabinets made of the knotty pine material.

For a boy's room, with a bunk, shelves for books and treasures, drawers and closets for all his belongings, no material is so well adapted as knotty pine paneling. It will stand plenty of abuse and requires but little care and upkeep. A simple bunk detail and set of book shelves is shown in Fig. 13.

Any hardware used in connection with knotty pine should be of black iron, and if it is hand made it will be particularly pleasing.

Finishing. The finishing of knotty pine paneling should be put in the hands of an experienced painter, as the success or failure of pine walls will depend to a great extent on the finish.

Generally speaking it is advisable to have the pine finished as near natural as is possible. The wood will darken with age and after it has been in place for a year or so will take on a rich honey color. It may appear too white at first, but if stained to the right color when applied it will probably be too dark when the wood has aged.

The painter will probably have suggestions as to what finish to apply. A coat of white shellac, followed by two coats of wax, either liquid or paste, will give an entirely satisfactory finish. All nail holes should, of course, be puttied up, and the boards should be shellaced before they are nailed in place. This will not only help keep finger marks from showing, but if the tongues of the boards are shellaced, a slight shrinkage of the boards will not leave a white strip of wood showing at the joints.

After the paneling is in place the shellac should be rubbed down with steel wool and then the wax applied. Then plenty of hard work in rubbing down the successive coats of wax. Old timers obtained a highly satisfactory effect with the use of beeswax.

A touch of bright color can be brought into a pine room by painting the insides of the book recesses or china shelves.

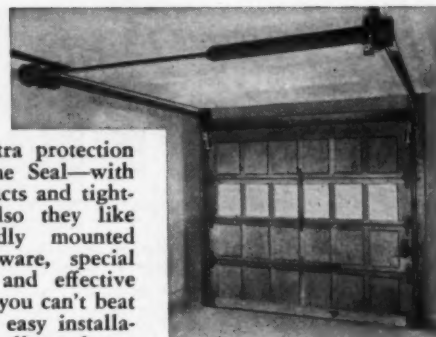
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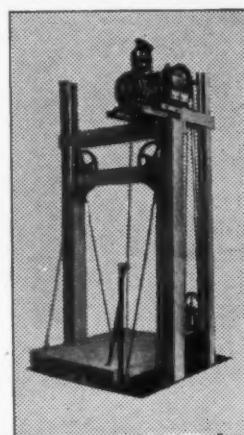
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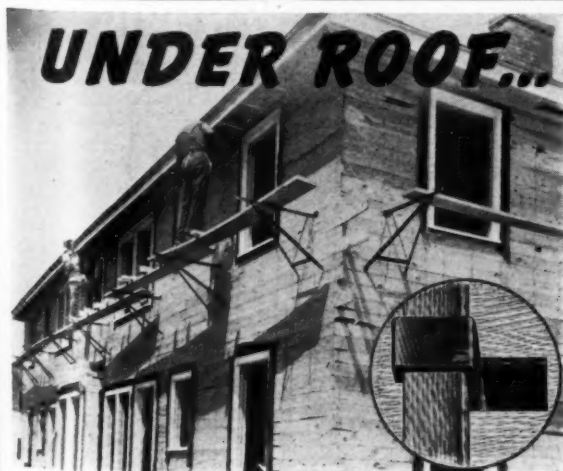
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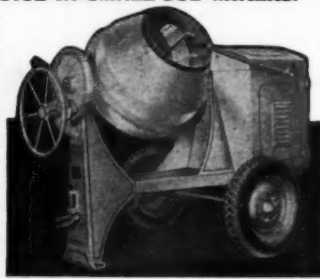


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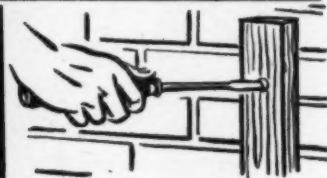
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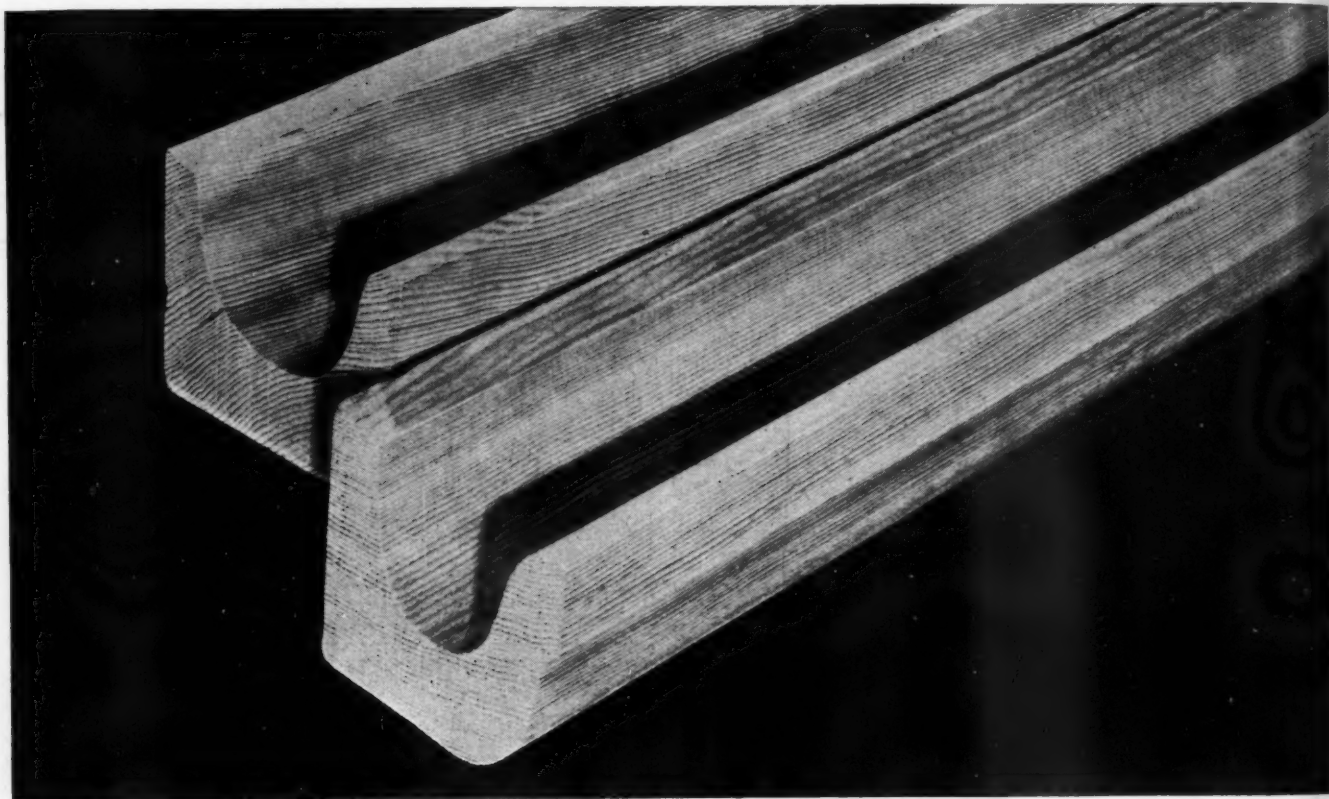
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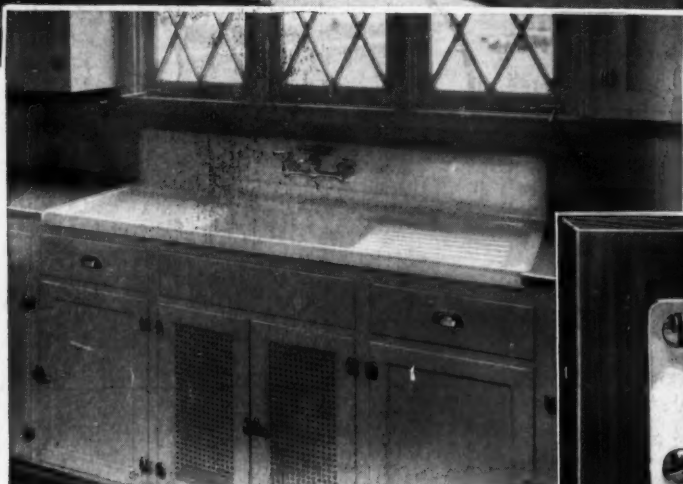
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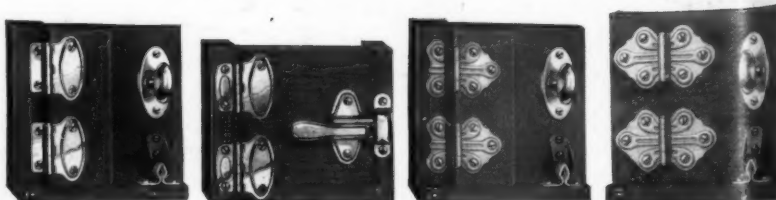
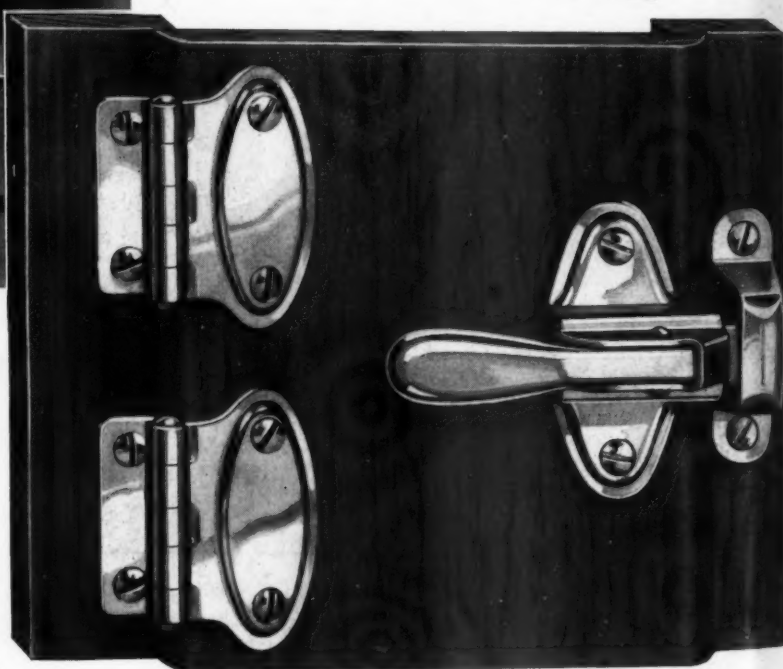
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